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## Kurdish separatists join uprising in north while 7,000 troops are rushed to defend Baghdad

# Basra falls to rebels as Shia revolt spreads

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

THE southern Iraqi city of Basra was reported last night to have fallen to forces opposed to President Saddam Hussein and fighting was spreading to many cities in the south and the outskirts of Baghdad. Saddam sent in the remnants of the Republican Guard to try to quell the growing revolt.

Iraqi opposition groups in London and Tehran said that Basra, Iraq's second largest city, was in the control of the rebels, swelled by large numbers of soldiers straggling back from the Kuwaiti front. They had handed over their weapons to resistance fighters.

Baath party officials were reported to have been killed or driven from office, and there were many casualties as secret police, government officials and those loyal to Saddam tried to beat off the attacks of the angry masses.

Kurdish separatist rebels in the north joined the uprising to take control of a broad swath of oil-rich Kurdistan.


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With a large part of the country occupied by allied forces, Saddam is now besieged on all sides, as rebels threaten a pincer movement to restrict the Baathists' control to the capital and the central region.

Unconfirmed reports said that Saddam's eldest son, Udai, was killed. The mayor of Basra and a provincial governor were also reported killed on Sunday, but opposition groups in London could not confirm this. Udai Hussein, a brutal man who killed a servant some years ago and was briefly sent into exile in Switzerland, has held senior government posts. He volunteered for army service but did not appear to take a prominent role during the war.

Resistance forces were said to be advancing on the city of Kut, on the road linking Basra with Baghdad. Uprisings were reported in Mosul and Sulaymaniyah, Kurdish provinces in the north, and guerrillas said they controlled the bridges and roads leading to Sulaymaniyah. Resistance groups claimed control of Amarah, Diwaniyah, Samawah, and Nasiriyah in the south. Fighting was said to be going on in several towns in the west. Opposition groups in London said there were even demonstrations in Thawra (Revolution) City, a suburb of Baghdad.

However, Mowaffak al-Rubaie, a London-based spokesman for the Islamic Dawa party, said: "We don't want to frighten anybody with the idea that an Islamic fundamentalist movement is sweeping southern Iraq and all this rubbish. There's nothing like that."

There are no Western reporters or independent observers in Basra, and British officials in London were giving out no information on the confused situation. American sources said two mechanised brigades of about 7,000 Iraqi soldiers were returning to Baghdad from the Turkish and Iranian frontiers in what appeared to be an effort by Saddam to shore up his crumbling regime.

Baghdad radio did not comment on the fighting. It attempted instead to portray Saddam as still firmly in the saddle, and said he met the ruling Revolutionary Command Council and the Baath party regional command. The revolt is supported by the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, an exiled Shia opposition group led by Ayatollah Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim, the son of a former Shia grand ayatollah. In a broadcast from exile in Iran, he called on Iraqis to support the mujahidin forces fighting against Saddam, and appealed to Kurds in northern Iraq to organise a popular revolt as quickly as possible.

Ayatollah al-Hakim told a press conference that resistance forces had destroyed 100 tanks, and said an entire Republican Guard regiment had surrendered in Amarah. But he said the revolt still faced bloody suppression. "Saddam is like a wounded wolf and may inflict heavy casualties on the people."

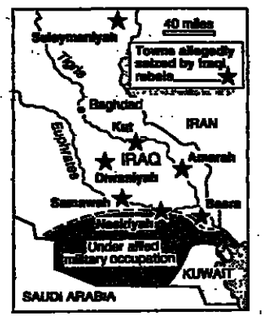
Ayatollah al-Hakim said there were demonstrations "against the system" in the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, which were carefully avoided by allied bombers. He called on Syria, Jordan, Turkey and the countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council to give their support to "the entire Iraqi people".

Allied forces still occupy Iraqi territory in the south, and this may have encouraged the uprising in the Shia region that has long opposed the rule of the minority Sunni government. However, they have made no attempt to intervene. "There are no circumstances in which we would get involved, not that I can foresee anyway," Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of the British forces in the Gulf, said. "We're not here to impose law and order on Iraq. We're here to help Kuwait."

Jamal al-Din, a member of the London office of the supreme assembly, said messages from Tehran told of continued fighting all yesterday. He said the assembly had not itself taken part, but had given its moral support.

The Iranian news agency, Irna, quoted refugees arriving at the western city of Ahvaz saying the people had taken control of Basra. Government

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Freed: Flight Lt John Peters, the Tornado pilot who was forced to appear on television, after his release yesterday

# Two 'unknown' Britons among ten PoWs freed by Iraq

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, and Robin Young

TWO British servicemen, who were never listed as missing in action, were among ten allied prisoners of war released by Iraq yesterday. The ten, including three Britons and the only American woman captured by the Iraqis, arrived in Jordan last night.

Two of the Britons freed were named as Malcolm Graham MacGown and Ian Robert Pring. The International Red Cross, which announced the release yesterday, did not provide their ranks. But neither of the two appear in the official army list of British officers. There was speculation that they may have been members of a special army reconnaissance unit captured behind Iraqi lines.

The ten allied prisoners arrived in the Jordanian town of Treibeel from Baghdad in a Red Cross convoy. They were handed over to Werner Kaspar, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Jordan.

Last night the Ministry of Defence was unable to provide any details of the two "unknown" Britons. The third British prisoner to be freed was Flight Lieutenant John Peters, the 29-year-old Tornado pilot who was forced to appear on Baghdad television after his capture. There is no sign yet of his navigator, Flight Lieutenant Adrian Nichol, aged 27, who had also appeared on Baghdad television.

Yesterday, Flight Lieutenant Peters' parents hugged each other in delight as they saw him walk to freedom. "To say I am delighted would be an understatement," said Kay Peters at her home in Petersfield, Hants.

Despite the fact that he had lost weight and grown a beard, Mrs Peters and her husband, Brian, recognised their son instantly as they watched television pictures of the prisoners' release. His mother-in-law, Margaret Edwards, said at her home in Harborne, Birmingham: "We are very heartened by the news. We could not feel happier for our daughter and her family."

The pilot and his navigator were taken prisoner on the first day of the war. The engine of their Tornado caught fire and they were forced to eject from the plane. A week later, Flight Lieutenant Peters was shown on TV, mumbling indistinctly, his eyes blackened, shoulders hunched, and looking downcast. His wife, Helen, is at RAF Laarbruch in Germany with their son, Guy, aged two, and Toni, a daughter who was born in October, just before her father went to the Gulf.

All ten prisoners had arrived earlier in the day at the al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad, in a white minibus with its curtains drawn. They were accompanied by an Iraqi brigadier. One of the freed prisoners had his right arm in a sling, but they all looked fit and healthy, and were dressed in yellow PoW uniforms.

Six of the released prisoners were American. They are Navy Lieutenant Robert Wetzel, Navy Lieutenant Lawrence Randoph Slade, Army Specialist Melissa Anne Rathbun-Nealy, aged 20, from Michigan, and Army Specialist David Lockett, 23, who were both snatched by an Iraqi reconnaissance patrol in northern Saudi Arabia on January 31; Lieutenant Jeffrey Norton Zaun, a 28-year-old naval pilot, who had been flying an A6E Intruder; and US Air Force Major Thomas Eduard Griffith, aged 34.

There was also one Italian, Lieutenant Maurizio Cocciolone. The list of their names was received by the Red Cross headquarters in Geneva, in what was the first telephone contact with Baghdad since the war started.

Tony Reeve, Britain's ambassador to Jordon, and Colonel Philip Goddard, the defence attache, met the freed Britons at the Iraqi border last night. They were then driven off to be debriefed.

Last night, Andreas Wigger, the chief Red Cross delegate in

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Peters as he appeared on Baghdad television

# Major meets Soviet leader in Moscow

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow and Robin Oakley

JOHN Major will meet President Gorbachev in Moscow today, the first Western leader to do so since the Gulf ceasefire was agreed. Discussions are expected to centre on British and Soviet views of the postwar settlement.

Moscow's attitude to the three Baltic republics, all of which have now voted unequivocally in favour of independence, will also be on the agenda. Mr Major is scheduled to meet the Moscow representatives of the Baltic republics' during his one-day working visit.

The prime minister also has meetings scheduled with Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister and leading liberal; Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the defence minister, and other military leaders; and Valentin Pavlov, the prime minister, who last month alleged that Western banks were implicated in a plot to flood the economy with roubles and bring down Mr Gorbachev.

Mr Major will not, however, be seeing Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation. Mrs Thatcher received him in Downing Street last year, and Douglas Hurd the foreign secretary, called on him in September. But it was felt that the wrong signals would be sent to the Soviet leadership by including Mr Yeltsin on such a restricted programme.

The prime minister, who studied the Soviet economy during his time as Chancellor of the Exchequer and who has read in detail the International Monetary Fund report on the failings of the Soviet system, will be seeking assurances about the intended pace of Soviet reforms. Although he is keen to build a personal relationship with Mr Gorbachev, the man whom Mrs Thatcher claimed to have "discovered" for the West, he has signalled that Britain will not consider signing a bilaterial relations treaty such as those signed by the Germans, French and Italians.

Mr Major hopes to persuade the Soviet leader to continue using him as a sounding board of Western opinion and as someone through whom he can transmit subtle messages to the Americans.

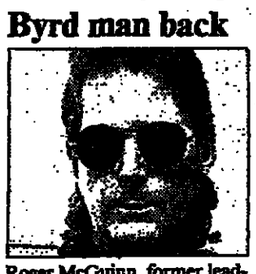
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## Soap discovery for Birmingham Six

By Staff Reporters

THE Birmingham Six, sentenced to life imprisonment for two pub bombings, had been convicted with crucial scientific evidence which is now regarded as "thoroughly unreliable" because of a dramatic discovery made in the past month. The Court of Appeal heard this yesterday, as the third hearing of the case opened at the Old Bailey.

Opening the case for the men, Michael Mansfield QC told a packed court that a scientist had discovered that soap traces could give a positive reading in tests used to uncover traces of nitroglycerine. Three of the men were accused, at their trial 16 years ago, of handling gelignite after tests on their hands. Yesterday Mr Mansfield said the evidence by a Home Office scientist was thoroughly unreliable and erroneous. Not only was forensic evidence flawed but techniques for analysing documents had revealed doubts on police records including an interview with one of the six. The notes were not contemporaneous and threw a grave shadow of doubt over police honour and integrity.

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## End of war revives sorties to travel agents




By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

SUNNY weekend weather and good news from the Gulf produced a rush of holiday bookings yesterday as thousands of British families finally decided to get away from it all this summer.

"It seems that on Saturday there was almost a festive air, with people getting out into the High Street and picking up brochures from travel agents," Peter Rothwell, managing director of Lunn Poly, said. "They then discussed it over a walk in the country on Sunday and by Monday the wives were in the shops making the final booking."

During the war, bookings virtually stopped, plunging many travel agents and tour operators into serious cash problems. The industry, however, is nothing if not elastic. Lunn Poly reported that the weekend's bookings were 70 per cent higher than last year at the same time. Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, reported a similar surge. "On Saturday, we had a 50 per cent increase in sales and the number of people wanting winter holidays was double last year's level for this weekend," Charles Newbold, the managing director, said.

Britain's second-largest travel agent, Pickfords Travel, said that foreign holidays were selling so well that some of its shops planned to open on Sunday. Shops were reporting up to three times the level of previous weeks and exceeding sales at this time last year, it said. "From being 50 per cent down a couple of weeks ago, our sales are now running 50 per cent up on last year," Kevin Welch, sales and marketing director, said.

Despite the weekend's good business, the overall picture is still gloomy. At least a million Britons who would have been expected to have booked holidays by now have not done so. Airlines are, however, planning advertising aimed at cashing in on the apparent desire to travel again. They hope that employers' bans on business travel will soon be lifted, enabling shops, restaurants and theatres still suffering from the downturn to return to pre-war levels.

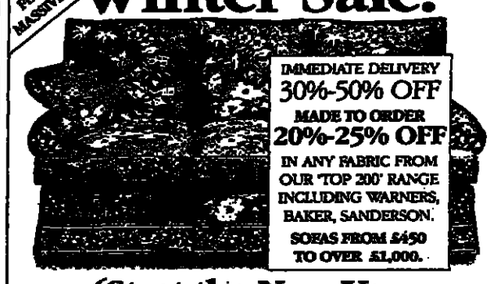
One company cash-starved by effects of the war is Britain's second-biggest tour operator, Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group. Bankers and major shareholders are in talks about possible refinance.

The Sandis themselves are, it seems, ready for a break. Today, a party of ten travel agents arrive in Manchester to hear from the British Tourist Authority of the delights awaiting Sandis if they choose to holiday in Britain.

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# 1,200 jobs go as Haringey council sets top charge

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR-controlled Haringey council in north London yesterday blamed the government for its decision to set the highest poll tax so far for the second year running.

Toby Harris, the council leader, said that the poll tax from April would be £559.80, a rise of £51 on the current charge-capped figure. He also announced that 1,200 council staff would lose their jobs.

The news was greeted with dismay by union leaders, who called white-collar officials and teachers out on an immediate half-day strike and announced a ballot on further action.

Yesterday's announcement came only three days after Conservative-run Wandsworth council, in south London, set the lowest poll tax in England and Wales at £136.

While Haringey was announcing its rise, it was disclosed that the controlling Labour group on Southwark council in south London was preparing to hold its community charge at £329 for a second year.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, refused to accept blame over Haringey. Haringey was spending 24 per cent above its cash limit and had been allowed a further 7 per cent rise this year, he said. "Like other councils, they are having to improve their efficiency," he said.

After setting the highest poll tax for 1990, at £572.98, Haringey was charge-capped and its bill was reduced to £508. In order to avoid the same fate this year, the council is to cut spending by £22 million.

Mr Harris said that the cuts would "strike at the heart of local government" in the borough, affecting libraries, school meals, and home helps.

One swimming pool would close and the borough's unique cricket school would lose all council funding. Nursery education would not be affected, but 180 school meals staff would lose their jobs. Thirty secondary school teachers would be made redundant, as would an unspecified number of educational advisors, peripatetic and support staff, and 50 educational administrators.

As well as sacking 120 home helps, the council was also cutting out six of its committees and taking £300,000 off its "equalities work" budget.

"The government has taken away over £65 million from the people of Haringey in the last five years. This is a budget that has been determined, to the last penny, by the government," said Mr Harris.

The poll tax was so "rotten and rigged" that he had no hesitation in comparing Haringey with Wandsworth. For Wandsworth, 90 per cent of spending was met by government grant and business rates, compared to 67 per cent in Haringey. Wandsworth also had a capping limit £46 million higher than that imposed on Haringey, even though Haringey was the sixth-poorest borough in Britain, he said.

However, official statistics do not bear out all of Mr Harris's claims. Haringey receives £1,128.82 per head of population in grant and business rate, compared to £1,199.59 in Wandsworth. The smallness of the difference is underlined by comparison with Lambeth, which receives most, at £1,544.38 per head, and Kingston on Thames which gets least at £503.50 per head.

Although Wandsworth has a higher capping limit, it also has a bigger population, 261,500 compared to Haringey's 196,000. Even so, Wandsworth and Haringey employ similar numbers, each having about 10,000 employees, so Haringey employs 51.02 staff per 1,000 residents, and Wandsworth 38.24. By comparison, Brent council has 38.88 staff per 1,000 residents.

Sir Marcus Fox, vice-chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, said: "The writing has been on the wall for councils like Haringey for a number of years. It has only been brought to light by virtue of the poll tax."

Liberal Democrat-run Richmond on Thames council, which borders Wandsworth, yesterday announced a £419 poll tax for next year, an increase of £24. Residents on the Richmond side of the Upper Richmond Road will pay £283 more than neighbours on the Wandsworth side, with poll tax of £136.

● Derbyshire county council is planning to cut 400 teaching jobs from its teaching force of 11,000 to try to avoid capping. The Conservative group said the council should increase school meal charges and cut its public relations budget.

● Poll tax protesters in London yesterday threatened to wake up councillors at 6am in mock bailiff raids.

# Hardly a cloud spoils favourite's progress

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARRY GREENWOOD




Encouraging signs: Nigel Evans, the Tory candidate, heartened yesterday by a lack of anti poll tax resentment

ON FULWOOD Heights yesterday morning at an upwardly mobile housing estate, Nigel Evans, the Tory candidate in the Ribble Valley by-election, started to relax. He had just left a press conference where for perhaps the first time in the campaign he had been flummoxed by a reporter's question.

Asked his views on the "spineless Al-Sabahs", he had had to confess that he did not know they were the ruling family of Kuwait. Even the presence of William Waldegrave, a former Foreign Office minister, failed to lend him inspiration.

After cheerfully threatening to hit the reporter concerned once the cameras were switched off, Mr Evans headed for the dormitory town of Fulwood in the west of this sprawling but picturesque north Lancashire constituency. He was soon on safer ground. Canvassing of at least a dozen houses failed to produce one Conservative defector. For once, the poll tax rated scarcely a mention. The posse of cameramen and reporters fell back disappointed.

The estate, with its bay windows, gables and landscaped gardens adding a touch of class, had been well chosen. Under Labour-controlled Preston council, the rates on an average house had been in the region of £800 a year. Most couples in the area have seen a modest gain from the introduction of the community charge. Mr Evans even appeared to be winning the support of the unemployed.

Kathleen McGahran, a nursing sister whose husband is out of work, said she would be backing the Tories even though their financial problems had forced them to consider selling their £90,000 house. Like many on the estate, Mrs McGahran was a supporter of John Major's less strident band of Conservatism. "I would have been put off voting Tory if Mrs Thatcher was still in," she said. One of the Tory canvassers privately agreed. "It's nice to go through a campaign without "that bloody woman" being mentioned on the doorsteps.

But if Mr Evans, the 33-year-old Welsh shopkeeper battling to hold on to a 19,500 majority, had cause for confidence, so too did Mike Carr, the Liberal Democrat challenger. Orange posters sprouted from the neat garden hedges along the Causeway in an older part of Fulwood. This down-to-earth Lancastrian, aged 45, who is making much of his local roots in his tussle with a Welsh outsider, seemed positively ebullient as he stood in the rain sandwiched between two of his posters.

"It's been absolutely amazing. We have had very positive support from people, some of whom previously voted Conservative," he said. Nor were Labour voters too happy with the antics of the local council, where a £70 increase in the poll tax is being blamed in part on the refusal of ten Labour councillors to pay their own bills.

In the absence of reliable opinion polls, it is difficult to decide who is the real challenger to Mr Evans. The impression, though, is that Mr Carr, not Josie Farrington, the Labour candidate, stands the best chance of causing an upset.

George Barnes, a retired plasterer from Fulwood, said he would be switching his support from Labour to the Liberal Democrats. "They are the only ones with a chance of getting the Tories out." Nevertheless, the Tory vote seems to be holding up even in areas that have suffered from the poll tax.

Peter Christopher, a transport supervisor with three adult children at home, has seen local taxes on his modest semi jump from £500 a year to £2,000. Yet he still intends to support the Conservatives. Although he thought Mr Major a decent chap, he wished his party would find a fairer system than the poll tax.

General election result 1987: D Waddington (C) 30,136, 60.9 per cent; M Carr (SDP/All) 10,608, 21.4 per cent; G Pope (Lab) 8,781, 17.7 per cent. C maj 19,528.

# Heseltine faced with conflicting advice

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government's difficulties over the poll tax were reinforced yesterday as a senior Tory backbencher warned Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, of the dangers of scrapping the charge and the former Chancellor Nigel Lawson urged him to return to a modified form of the rating system.

Amid growing indications that John Major, the prime minister, will have to break the cabinet deadlock over the poll tax, Mr Lawson said that he warned Mrs Thatcher in 1985 that the tax would be "completely unworkable and politically catastrophic". Calling for a rating system based on property values with fixed reductions for pensioners living alone, Mr Lawson accused the cabinet of the mid-1980s of pushing through a "monumental folly".

Writing in *The Daily Telegraph*, he added: "Let us be under no illusion, this is a tax so fundamentally flawed that no amount of tinkering or refinement can make it acceptable. Abolition is the only course." But Sir Robert McCrindle, who has never been a strong supporter of the poll tax, gave a warning that disadvantages could result from its abolition. "For every letter I receive opposing the retention of the community charge, I receive another indicating dire political consequences if we restore anything approaching the rating system," he said.

In a letter to Mr Heseltine, he called for more thought to be given to a substantially amended poll tax before the government plumped for any property based alternative that would "risk bringing us the worst of both worlds". The two contributions were typical of the advice being offered to Mr Heseltine as he attempts to find a solution that will satisfy the cabinet. Ministers believe that Mr Major will have to decide whether the poll tax should survive.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, later wrote to Mr Heseltine calling on him to admit that the government had found itself unable to abolish the poll tax. He said that all the signs were that the government was unable to find a workable alternative. The tax, "or at least its more objectionable features", would survive.

Mr Lawson called for a staged return to the rates, primarily based on old rateable values but offering pensioners discounts and possibly keeping a low poll tax charge of about £50. That would be followed in the next parliament by switching to rates based on property values, the removal of education from council control, and the abolition of county councils.

"The Conservative party was prepared to sacrifice Margaret Thatcher to win a general election. It will surely not shrink from the less traumatic course of sacrificing the poll tax for the same end," he said.

# Hopes rise for breast cancer drug

The world's first study to establish whether a drug can prevent breast cancer is producing "most promising" evidence, Dr Trevor Powles, a consultant physician, said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

The ten-year trial at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, involving 750 women with a family history of the disease, has reached the half-way stage. Another 750 volunteers are being sought before a nationwide study with 15,000 women begins this year. The women are taking tamoxifen, used successfully to treat breast cancer, or a placebo, daily for up to five years to test whether the drug prevents the disease.

● Relatives of victims of violent crime and serious road accidents are more likely to contract cancer because stress weakens their natural defences, researchers claim in a *First Tuesday* documentary on ITV tonight.

## Church rally cry

The Bishop of Southwark urged the Church of England yesterday to take action to arrest a decline in membership over the last ten years. The Rt Rev Ronald Bowlby was speaking at the launch of a survey by Marc Europe, a Christian research body, which showed attendances down by half a million in that period. Congregations had fallen in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churches by 9 per cent or more, according to the survey, based on 26,600 churches.

## Widow's award

Bridget Friel, whose husband, Daniel, age 45, died as a result of an explosion when a labourer operating a pneumatic drill hit a live cable in Bishopgate in the City of London in 1985, was awarded £176,000 agreed damages at the High Court in London yesterday. Judgment with costs for Mrs Friel, age 45, of Holloway, north London, was given against her husband's former employers.

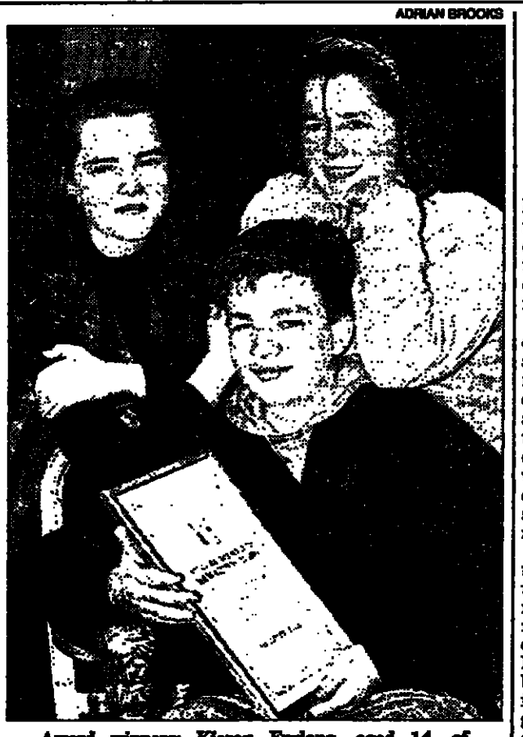
## RAF enquiry

The RAF is investigating allegations that air cadets from Batley, West Yorkshire, were bullied by older youths during a weekend camp at nearby Bradley Woods. The parents of a 13-year-old boy said that he had been kicked in the head and another boy is said to have been stripped and dragged through the woods. Squadron Leader Dennis Sawden would not comment while the enquiry was going on.

## £250,000 winner

The £250,000 winner in this month's National Savings Premium Bonds draw is number 18TB 391605. The winner lives in Wandsworth, south London.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Award winners: Kieran Furlong, aged 14, of Rawtenstall, Lancashire, who saved a baby from a house fire, with Cathy Page and Jacqueline Ellis, both 15 and from Dorset. They were among youngsters named Citizens of the Year yesterday

# Auditors press for wider computer data security

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MORE than three years ago the independent National Audit Office issued a warning of the dangers to government computer systems from floods, fires and frauds.

Security and so-called disaster recovery was too low across government departments with gaps identified everywhere from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre to the National Savings department — gaps which it was claimed put huge stores of confidential, commercially sensitive and defence data at risk.

An audit report published today is expected to find that there have been improvements in the way the government administers the security of its computing networks. Nevertheless some experts believe that there is little room for complacency and that, given the breakneck pace of computerisation of everything from social security offices to the health service, more money needs to be urgently spent. Emma Nicholson, Conservative MP for Devon and West Torridge and former computer consultant, said government, agencies and quangos needed to mirror the spending of industry and commerce on disaster recovery.

Miss Nicholson said the private sector spent up to a fifth of budgets on securing computer systems against fire, floods and fraud. The public sector should be doing the same, she said.

The publication of the audit report brings into focus an area of government policy which some experts claim is in turmoil amid concern that a serious review of the way government specifies and buys information technology should be reviewed. It follows difficulties in implementing the computerisation of the social security and health service systems.

Up to eight social security offices are on strike because, it is claimed, the computerisation of the benefits service was made hastily without any notion of the technical difficulties involved, Michael Meacher, the shadow social security spokesman, said.

Some experts believe that the government, a £2 billion a year spender on information technology, should now consider an information technology minister to oversee the technical ramifications of legislation. The computerised community charge, which in some cases has needed more staff to administer than the old rates, may have never been passed so swiftly if an assessment of the computing complexities had been made.

Others believe there is a need for a panel of industry experts to advise government and its own advisers, the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency.

What concerns some firms is that, in spite of a greater emphasis on competition, it can take up to three years for the government and the agency to approve a system whereas in the private sector the time frame is often a few months.

# Last cruise missiles fly out

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE last American cruise missiles based in Britain will be flown out from RAF Greenham Common, Berkshire, today. The 16 nuclear missiles, with their launchers, will leave on board a Galaxy transport plane bound for the Davis-Monthan air base in Arizona.

Their departure will finally remove the *raison d'etre* of the Greenham Common women who have camped outside the base for nearly five years. The hard core of about 20 women, who live in tents outside three of the gates, is, however, expected to remain until the last American serviceman has gone from the base. Up to 500 servicemen are expected to remain there for the forseeable future.

Greenham Common became the focus for anti-nuclear demonstrations when Nato governments announced in 1979 that cruise missiles would be deployed in five countries as part of the European nuclear deterrent.

# Lamont holds key for film revival

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE government will be accused of creating a phantom pregnancy by the British film industry if Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, fails to announce tax benefits for film investors in his Budget on March 19, Wilf Stevenson, director of the British Film Institute, said yesterday.

"It has been nine months since Mrs Thatcher promised help, and much to our surprise we were given access to her Treasury ministers to put our case," he said. Since then, nothing had happened on tax concessions, the single most important element in rescuing the British film industry.

Mr Stevenson was launching the first two publications in the UK Initiatives series resulting from working parties set up at the Downing Street seminar on the film industry last June. They show that tax incentives could yield an extra £30 million a year for films, increasing the earnings from film-making three-fold to £240 million and yielding £80 million in eventual taxes.

The institute has presented the Department of Trade and Industry with a scheme to revitalise British film-making, creating a £100 million production fund and doubling films made from 40 to 80 a year. Mr Stevenson said the institute had done the legwork in approaching film-makers and the City. It was now up to ministers.

# Aston unveil £100,000 car

From KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT, IN GENEVA

IN SPITE of the gloom over falling sales and the prospect of heavier fuel taxes on gas-guzzling cars, Aston Martin has joined one of the world's leading manufacturers of luxury cars in launching new models today.

The new Aston Martin Virage Volante has all the English virtues of wood and leather, plus a 5.4 litre V8 engine and near-£100,000 price tag. The company chose the first day of the Geneva Motor Show to take the wraps off a model which may seem an anachronism in today's stringent times.

The Virage Volante is a four-seater version of Aston Martin's latest two-seater Virage model, and packs under the bonnet a 330bhp engine capable of firing the near two-tonne car from 0 to 60mph in 6.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 155 mph.

However, luxury carmakers at the show are gloomy about prospects for sales in the early 1990s. They expect sales across Europe to fall by more than 500,000 from 1990's figure of more than 13 million, with luxury sales probably being hit hardest. Aston Martin, the Newport Pagnell company now owned by Ford, says it has found 300 buyers for the car.

The same sort of confidence in the future is being shown by Mercedes-Benz, which unveils for the first time today the successor to its S-Class series of limousines, which bristle with technical innovation and are likely to cost about £60,000. Mercedes is calling the range "probably the most advanced cars in the world".

However, it is the introduction of something regarded as mundane in the home which sets the S-class apart from its rivals, for it is the first production car to feature double-glazing. All side windows comprise two panes of 3mm thick safety glass separated by a 3mm air gap. Other features include doors which close themselves with a a gentle push.

The environment is an important talking point at the Geneva show this year and the German manufacturers are giving details of elaborate recycling systems. The S-class, for example, has a special stamp on all plastic components which can be easily identified for re-use in further manufacturing.

Mercedes has scrapped the use of 10,000 spray cans a year, which contained chlorofluorocarbons and other potentially toxic materials such as asbestos, cadmium nickel and chemical solvents in paint.

# Case of fast-talking sheriff

By ALAN HAMILTON

LOQUACITY is not a hallmark of the Hebridean. Celtic gloom and brooding silence live more easily in the character of inhabitants of the Western Isles.

Sheriff Ewan Stewart of Stornoway has broken the mould in that town's courthouse, having been chastised by a superior legal being for unjudicial behaviour, constant interruption of witnesses, and the introduction of irrelevancies throughout a day-long hearing.

Sheriff Stewart was hearing a civil case in which Graham McLellan, a fencing contractor, was suing James McLennan, a crofter, for £2,500, the cost of erecting a fence. Mr McLennan was refusing to pay because, he alleged, Mr McLellen had not finished the job. The sheriff found for the fencing contractor, and the crofter took the case to appeal because of what he described as "unjudicial behaviour during proof".

In a written appeal judgment, disclosed yesterday, Sheriff Principal R.A. Bennett, QC, expressed his fears for the proper administration of justice in the Highlands and Islands.

"The notes of evidence do indeed disclose an alarming situation. The proof lasted a day, and there were three witnesses, namely the pursuer, an agricultural officer and the defender. During the evidence the sheriff constantly interrupted the examinations and cross-examinations on more than 100 occasions, sometimes at great length."

In his judgment, the Sheriff Principal continued: "It is fair to say that more than half the notes of evidence are taken up by the sheriff's diversions. The result was, as the defender's solicitor complained, that he and probably his opponent were put off their stride, and after a lengthy series of questions had difficulty in returning to the smooth flow of question and answer on the matters at issue."

The Sheriff Principal's judgment also noted the following exchange. Sheriff Stewart: "You have continuously — and I have noticed with you — you start to get into a petty little argument which is irrelevant. Your are trying to win your case on legalistic points." John Young, for the defender: "I am a lawyer."

Sheriff Principal Bennett upheld Sheriff Stewart's judgment that the crofter should pay the fencer his £2,500, but ruled that in the circumstances neither party should have to pay the expenses of the appeal.

# Two killed in pub shootings 'were terrorist suspects'

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

TWO of the men shot dead by Loyalist gunmen outside a pub in east Tyrone on Sunday night were regarded by the security forces as "suspect terrorists", reliable sources said yesterday.

A third man shot dead appeared in court in Belfast three years ago charged with unlawfully collecting information likely to be of use to terrorists. The disclosures are consistent with an explanation for the killings, the worst incident of violence in the troubles this year by the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, which said it carried out the attack. It dismissed allegations that the motive was purely sectarian, describing it as an operation against the command structure of the IRA in Armagh and Tyrone.

The UVF said some of its victims had been identified by its volunteers as members of the IRA before they were killed and that two of its units had been involved, one of which ensured the killers made a safe getaway.

Four men, all Roman Catholic, died when up to four gunmen opened fire on a car as it drew up outside Boyle's bar in the strongly republican village of Cappagh at about 10.30pm. Two men were killed instantly in the car and one was seriously injured, with gunshot wounds to his side and elbow. A fourth man who managed to get out of the vehicle and tried to escape across a low wall into a field was also found shot dead, while another man died in the pub lavatory after gunfire was directed at him through the window.

One eyewitness described the scene immediately after the attack. "When the firing stopped Thomas Armstrong was lying dead outside the toilet door and the others were dead outside. The car engine was still going. The driver was slumped over the steering wheel and the whole car was riddled. There were spent bullet cases all over the road. One of the dead was lying in a field a few yards away. We carried him into the pub."

The dead men were named as John Quinn, aged 23, who was unemployed, Thomas Armstrong, aged 52, Malcolm Nugent, aged 20, an engineer, all from Cappagh, and Dwynne O'Donnell, aged 17, from the nearby village of Galbally. Quinn and Nugent were regarded as suspected terrorists and O'Donnell appeared in court while aged only 14. The other two men are not thought to have any connection with paramilitary organisations.

Police were questioning two men about the killings at Gough barracks in Armagh after arresting them in Portadown an hour after the shooting. They were also examining the muzzle cover from a standard issue army SA-80 rifle handed in by a member of the public. A car possibly used as a getaway vehicle was being examined at a quarry two miles from the pub.

The shootings are similar to an attack on a bar at Ardboe on the shores of Lough Neagh, near Cappagh, in December 1989, when the UVF killed Liam John Ryan, aged 39, the landlord and one of his customers. It subsequently emerged that Ryan was a well known republican who had been convicted in a New York court in 1985 on charges of buying rifles for the IRA.

One widespread assumption was that Sunday's killings may have been in revenge for the shooting dead of two policemen and two civilians on a wildfowling expedition on Loch Neagh by the IRA last November. While politicians and church figures on both sides of the community condemned the shooting, Sinn Fein and SDLP councillors claimed there must have been security force collusion in the deaths because, they said, Cappagh is always under intensive army and Special Branch surveillance.

Anthony McGonnell, a Dungannon SDLP councillor, said there had been extensive helicopter activity around Cappagh until two hours before the shooting. "I think it is very, very strange that given that there was so much security force activity in the area, that this abomination could actually happen..." he said. Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and police sources denied that there were grounds to suspect collusion.

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## Bar code is step to safer air travel

A NEW high-technology airline baggage matching system designed to frustrate the sort of tactics used in the Lockerbie bombing was launched yesterday.

The system could be introduced for as little as little as 10p-30p a passenger, according to the company producing it, BRaLS, of Tring, Hertfordshire.

The system, now on sale to airlines, uses bar codes. Each piece of baggage checked in by a passenger is given a number, which is recorded in the BRaLS system and linked to a passenger. From then on, each piece of baggage and its owner can be checked at any point.

A computer reconciles passenger and baggage for each flight and produces a screen display or a printed report showing that, for every bag, there is a matching passenger. A similar print-out is produced for all bags checked and loaded onto the plane.

A US presidential report into the 1988 Lockerbie disaster said that the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 might have been avoided if stricter baggage reconciliation had stopped unaccompanied bags from being loaded.

The system is designed not only to counter terrorism, but also to eliminate mis-direction of baggage, a problem that costs airlines more than £100 million a year.



Third appeal by Birmingham Six: Breda Power, daughter of Billy Power, one of the six, outside the court yesterday as the hearing started

# Soap can trigger crucial explosives test

By STEWART TENDLER AND FRANCES GIBB

SOAP can produce a positive result in the test used on the Birmingham Six to show several of the men handled explosives, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Opening the third appeal mounted for the six, Michael Mansfield, QC, representing five of the men, told Lord Justice Lloyd and two other judges new evidence had emerged in the past month which went to the heart of the case. The test which Dr Frank Skuse, a Home Office forensic scientist, used to show the men handled nitro-glycerine was "now regarded as thoroughly unreliable".

Sixteen years ago the six men were sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of 21 people in IRA bomb attacks on two Birmingham public houses. The men — Gerry Hunter, Richard McIlkenny, Hugh Callaghan, Billy Power, Paddy Hill and Johnny Walker — were convicted on evidence including tests showing three of them had been in contact with nitro-glycerine.

Last week, counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions announced that the men's convictions were no longer considered safe and satisfactory. The DPP could not rely on scientific or police evidence on confessions.

The Court of Appeal was convened at the Central Criminal Court for the hearing yesterday and the six men sat together in the dock concentrating on events which are expected to lead to their release within days. They filed into Court 8 smiling and waving to relatives in the public gallery.

Counsel sat behind large piles of files and statements recording events as far back as the men's original trial at Lancaster Crown Court in 1975. Sir Allan Green, the DPP, was in court and John Evans, chief constable of Devon and Cornwall and the head of the police team that investigated the convictions, sat with his men.

Mr Mansfield told the court that new work by Dr John Lloyd, a scientist, showed the constituents of soap could give the same positive results as the tests by Dr Skuse. Mr Mansfield outlined details of the new research as he began an appeal against what he said was "a grave and abiding miscarriage of justice". It was brought about "in the wake of the emotional turmoil after the bombings and what is seemingly a rush to justice."



Mansfield: "Shadow cast over police honour"

There was only a month between the committal of the six and their trial in 1975. "Once the dye was cast," counsel said, "it proved very difficult to unravel the twists, the turns, the contortions of the evidence." Only in the past year had it been possible to unravel the evidence with the help of fresh scientific discoveries and techniques.

The evidence of Dr Lloyd showed the deficiencies at the centre of the case. Mr Mansfield said that apart from Dr Lloyd's work there were also the results of electro-static document analysis, which showed police notes were not what they claimed, especially in the case of McIlkenny. Mr Mansfield said they were not contemporaneous and "a very grave shadow has been cast over the honour and integrity of the police carrying out investigations."

The officers particularly involved in the McIlkenny investigations were Detective Superintendent George Reade and police officers Colin Morris, Terence Woodwiss and Rex Langford. There have been fabrication of notes and perjury. Turning in detail to the scientific evidence Mr Mansfield said the court would say in the light of the material that the convictions of the men could not be safe or satisfactory. There was no evidence any of the men ever touched explosives and the evidence of Dr Skuse was unreliable and erroneous.

The scientific evidence was a crucial and critical factor in the case. In the original trial it offered an area of apparent certainty to a jury faced with absolute contradictions between police and defence evidence. Evidence that Power, Hill and Walker had handled explosives were virtually indisputable. Dr Skuse carried out tests on five of the men using a technique called the Griess test, and a number of laboratory techniques. He got a positive reading for Power and Hill using the Griess test and a faint result with another test on Walker.

The Griess test should have been regarded as nothing more than a field test. A new report by Dr Alan Scaplethorn, a Home Office scientist, made it plain there should have been a series of tests, Mr Mansfield said.

Hugh Black, an explosives expert who gave evidence at the original trial, had made that point suggesting the Griess test was only a preliminary sorting test. Dr Black had been criticised by the trial judge, now Lord Bridge. Dr Skuse was accused by Mr Mansfield of having "moved the goalposts" when his scientific test for nitro-glycerine on the men's hands came under scrutiny. As a result, no one would now know what he had really done during those tests. His tests first came under scrutiny during research for a television programme in 1985, Mr Mansfield said. It was then that the first problem arose: "What were the conditions operated by Dr Skuse?"

Scientists carrying out research for the programme were forced to look, therefore, at what Dr Skuse had said at the original trial. His first point had been that his test excluded nitro-cellulose and second, that what he did was at room temperature.

But just as important as what he clearly stated at the trial was what he did not say, Mr Mansfield said. First, he had not made clear that he had developed his own test to determine nitro-glycerine instead of the Griess test. "He was not saying, first of all, that his test was not the Griess test but was the Skuse test." Second, Dr Skuse was not saying anything about his test having been conducted below the level of room temperature.

The latest evidence, a report by Dr Skaplehorn and Dr Lloyd raised a new point, the rate of decay of nitro-glycerine, Mr Mansfield said. The effect of this was that, given the ten-hour time lag before swabs were taken from the men's hands, there would have needed to be as much as one ounce of nitro-glycerine on their hands to produce five micrograms after the delay. If that had been the case, the men would have been ill through absorbing large amounts of the substance through their skin.

Herbert Bamford was one of Dr Skuse's colleagues. On the night of the bombing he went to Liverpool and checked every single passenger on a ferry to Ireland. Two of them produced a positive result but he attributed this to adhesive tape they had been handling to tie up parcels and he tested a piece of the tape. But Mr Mansfield said the evidence from Mr Bamford had not been handed to the defence until last November

The hearing continues today.

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# NHS reforms 'in danger'

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH service managers yesterday criticised the government for imposing restrictions on NHS trusts and increasing bureaucracy as part of health reforms. They argued that there would be few changes on April 1, when the reforms are to be implemented. Because the government would not allow changes in GP referral patterns, money would not follow patients to the most successful hospital.

John Cooper, from the Royal Free Hampstead Trust, north London, said NHS trusts had been stripped of their financial and managerial freedom. A recent circular from Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, had made clear that trusts were to be brought into line in the same way as other hospitals in the health service. The 57 trusts, which are to go ahead next April, have been told to produce detailed business plans, which will be monitored regularly by the management executive.

Speaking at a conference held by the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts and the Institute of Health Services Management, Mr Cooper said that although the White Paper had promised new freedoms for those hospitals becoming self-governing, these were now being taken away. The white paper had stated that self-governing hospitals would be able to increase their capital spending by borrowing from the private sector, allowing them to expand services.

They were also allowed to keep surpluses and depreciation charges to fund improvements. However, because the government had recently imposed such strict limits on the amount of capital which trusts could either borrow or spend, this flexibility had disappeared.

"It is no longer true that we can retain surpluses or build up resources," Mr Cooper said. "The only freedom we have in financial terms is the freedom to ask permission."

Earlier, Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, had stressed that the NHS was not on the brink of some sudden revolution and change would be slow.

# Duchy rejects plan for homeless shelter

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A TORY councillor has accused the Prince of Wales of hypocrisy in a dispute over the proposed conversion of a building into a shelter for homeless people.

The building at Midsomer Norton, near Bath, is a bungalow bought two years ago from the village blacksmith by the prince's Duchy of Cornwall for a road improvement scheme. Norton Radstock town council asked the prince to turn the bungalow into a short-term shelter, but the duchy replied that it would not be economically viable.

Yesterday Ken Curtis, a Conservative councillor, said that the prince was a hypocrite for "failing to practise what he preaches". He added: "He has set himself up as a champion of the poor and underprivileged. We have given him the perfect opportunity to put his beliefs into practice and he has thrown it back in our faces."

The bungalow, derelict and vandalised, is on land that will be used to improve the A362 road, which will be needed for extra traffic from a development of terraced houses planned by the duchy. The duchy said yesterday that the development was being delayed until market conditions improved. "The bungalow is boarded up, and it is not economically viable to repair it and use it for short-term housing." A scheme by the duchy for a new village at Poundbury, Dorchester, is also waiting for an upturn in the property market.

The prince faces another potential difficulty with a plan by a farmer neighbour near his home at Highgrove, Gloucestershire, to convert a 17th century barn into houses. Cotswold district council has received plans for the scheme, and local people are hoping for an objection from the prince, who has often criticised the practice of converting barns into homes.

# Ejected doctor sues authority

A DOCTOR who was picked up and carried out of a hospital by a male nurse and police after being refused access to a psychiatric patient's medical notes claimed damages for assault and false imprisonment yesterday.

Dr Mario Brown told Mr Justice Drake and a High Court jury that staff at Hillingdon hospital, west London, did not believe that he was a doctor entitled to see the notes, and called the police. He had been bundled into a car and taken to a police station where he had been interrogated, put in a brightly lit cell for the night and deprived of food and water. Magistrates had later dismissed a charge of breach of the peace brought against him.

Dr Brown, of Northwood, west London, is suing Hillingdon health authority and the Metropolitan police. They deny assault and say his arrest and detention were lawful.

Dr Brown, conducting his own case, said that he had gone to the hospital on October 2, 1987, to help a woman to appeal against an order under the Mental Health Act. He had asked to see her notes, but, when challenged by a nurse, had been unable to prove that he was a doctor because "the GMC does not issue identification cards". While waiting for the matter to be resolved, he had taken the patient's notes from an open filing cabinet and had refused to give them up. "In fact, I was sitting on them so they could not be grabbed from me," he said. "The nurse had made several attempts."

Three police officers had arrived, and the nurse and at least one officer had "rushed" at him. "The notes were torn from my grasp and I was picked up, still trying to protect myself, and carried out of the hospital," Dr Brown said.

The hearing resumes today.

# Sunday Sport faces porn ad curbs

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT



Lord MacGregor: wants *Sport* titles on 'top shelf'

THE *Sunday Sport* could be re-classified as a "top-shelf" publication unless it drops many of its advertisements for pornographic telephone chatlines, under proposed changes to the rules governing newspaper advertising.

Icstis, the independent committee which supervises standards of telephone information services, has recommended banning newspapers from printing advertisements which include "pictures or words of a sexually suggestive nature, which are unacceptably offensive".

Chatline advertisers placing such adverts in newspapers would lose their licences with British Telecom, Mercury or Racal. However, "top-shelf" publications such as *Penthouse* or *Playboy* could run the ads. *The Sunday Sport* and its thrice-weekly sister title, *The Sport*, would lose significant advertising revenue unless it agreed to be displayed on newsagents' top shelves along with pornographic magazines.

David Sullivan, the publisher of *The Sunday Sport*, declined to comment. Lord MacGregor of Durris, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, the new press watchdog, has said that he would like to see the *Sport* titles classified as top-shelf publications. The old Press Council had recommended that retailers treat it as such.

The Calcutt report into privacy and the press gave newspapers one last chance at self-regulation before facing statutory controls. Icstis, chaired by Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, former Press Council chairman, will make a final ruling on March 22.

● BBC Enterprises, publisher of *Radio Times*, has lodged a complaint with the Office of Fair Trading over "anti-competitive practice" by its main rival, *TV Times*, which has cut its cover price from 50p to 25p. The BBC has kept the price of *Radio Times* at 50p.

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# Jail therapy units to tackle rise in sex offence cases

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THERAPY units for offenders such as paedophiles and rapists are to be created at about 15 English and Welsh jails as part of a co-ordinated Home Office programme to deal with the large numbers of imprisoned sex offenders.

Under plans due to be implemented next year, all sex offenders jailed for four years or more will be sent to one of five high-security prisons to be assessed by psychologists, probation officers and prison staff. Individual treatment courses will then be devised to help lessen the chances of the inmates reoffending.

The assessment prisons — Dartmoor, Wakefield, Maidstone, Wandsworth and Albany on the Isle of Wight — will provide extended treatment programmes lasting up to a year for the more difficult cases, while about ten other jails will offer courses of up to 13 weeks.

All offenders will undergo a core programme under which experts will closely analyse an individual's behaviour and attempt to undermine the self-deceptions sex criminals often employ to explain their acts. Those prescribed the longer course will receive help in how to build normal, caring relationships and how to manage anger and stress.

While the plans have still to be approved formally by ministers, the Home Office hopes to have pilot schemes operating within the next few months and the full scheme operational as soon as feasible after that.

The programme has been drawn up amid mounting criticism of the Home Office's policy towards sex offenders, of whom there are now about 2,700 in jail. Critics say that the department has been mainly content to contain sex offenders, often in squalid, overcrowded conditions.

The need for therapy to be tailored to individual needs was highlighted yesterday with the publication of a Home Office commissioned study into rape. It said that there was no such thing as a typical rapist and no single or simple reason as to why men committed the offence.

The report, prepared by Don Grubin and John Gunn from the Institute of Psychiatry, found that about half of the offenders knew their victim, 37 per cent were alcohol dependent and that 20 per cent had been sexually abused as children. Many showed behavioural problems from an early age and had chaotic family backgrounds. Of those who admitted the offence, only 56 per cent believed that their victim had been harmed in any way. About 60 per cent were judged to be in need of further psychiatric assessment or treatment.

Based on interviews with 142 rapists, the study, entitled *The Imprisoned Rapist and Rape*, says: "While the many and complicated explanations that will be necessary to understand the phenomenon may disappoint those seeking crisp and well-defined answers, progress in relation to the prevention of rape and treatment of rapists will depend on accepting the small insights that are contained in each".

The authors implicitly endorse the Home Office's plans to concentrate therapy facilities in a limited number of jails, but they recommend also that experimental treatment units be set up in top-security hospitals and National Health Service regional secure units.

The report says: "If the units were successful, a reduction in recidivism would be the most noticeable effect." It suggests that it is unhelpful to see rape as an exclusively sexual or violent act. "In some cases rape will lie at one end of a spectrum of normal human sexual behaviour... in others it will differ in a qualitative way from normal sexual relations between men and women."

John Patten, Home Office minister of state, said ministers were committed to both improving the prospects of reforming sex offenders and adding further protection for the public from such criminals.

The number of rapists in jail has risen sharply in recent years as courts have toughened sentences for the offence and the government has reduced parole for violent criminals. In June 1980, 630 inmates in English and Welsh jails were serving sentences for rape, compared with 1,343 in June 1989. The average punishment for rape is now a jail term of five years, nine months.

## Making more sense of museums

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MUSEUMS and their staff are to be used as guinea pigs in an employment department initiative to identify the professional uses of knowledge.

Scholarship in museums has been the subject of heated public debate, fuelled by the recent sacking of experts at the Victoria and Albert and the Natural History museum. Being questioned is the relevance of museum specialists' academic knowledge to the practical jobs they have to do.

The Museums Training Institute, formed just over a year ago, has been commissioned by the ministry to create a system which can define the needs of a job and how well existing expertise meets the needs. Simon Roodhouse, the institute's director, said yesterday: "Museums are useful because they contain a wide range of different skills in a compact unit. Much of the work done is basically an application of knowledge already acquired, perhaps through first, second and even third university degrees, and we will be looking at the practical competence of knowledge."

Working first with museum conservators, the institute will use a series of workshops followed by assessment reports. The institute is expected to report to the employment department within two months.

Mr Roodhouse believes the Knowledge and Understanding Project, as it is called, will have an immediate benefit to museums, many of which were recently criticised by the Audit Commission as "worthy but dull". He says the project will help breathe new life into galleries.

Mr Roodhouse said: "The demands on museums now are quite different and more intense compared with what they were fairy recently. The approach of all museum staff has often barely changed, however, and we need to be able to give them the kind of training they want to meet the new demands."

Training offered by the institute will involve not only the care of objects, the balancing of books, designing exhibitions and the marketing of museums, but the care of visitors.

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Ignorance is bliss: Polly beside the cemetery at Wetwang, focus of a dispute over grazing on consecrated land

## Where pony may not safely graze

**Peter Davenport and David Young report on a bitter wrangle over a pony and a piece of sacred ground**

THE villagers of Wetwang in Humberside have been split by a dispute over where Polly the pony should be allowed to graze. No less a figure than Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York, has been dragged into the vexed debate.

A decision by the parish council to allow the mare to graze on consecrated land next to the cemetery has inflamed passions. Petitions have been signed, letters dispatched to the archbishop, and ecclesiastical law books consulted. Now a group of villagers plans to run candidates in the May local elections on a "Stop the Horse" platform.

An indication of the strength of feeling comes from Jack Lomax, the 67-year-old council chairman. He said yesterday that from his 18 years on the council he could remember only one other occasion when there were more candidates than seats available, forcing an election campaign.

The council decided to allow a family living in the former vicarage to graze their daughter's pony on the land shortly before Christmas, even though objectors had lodged a 175-name petition. Jessie Dowson, a leading protester, said yesterday: "This is consecrated land which will one day be used for burials and it is just not right to have a pony clomping about on it. Jack Lomax has stated publicly he will be cremated when he goes, so he couldn't care less." She wrote to Dr Habgood, but he replied that animals had grazed on consecrated ground since medieval times and he could see no objection.

The parish council at Wetwang, which has about 1,000 residents, bought the one-acre site in 1972 when the graveyard of St Nicholas's church became full. It was consecrated by the Bishop of Hull. About a third of the land is used as a cemetery and Mr Lomax said that it could be 50 years before the rest is required.

The vote to allow Polly to graze was passed by 10 votes to 1. Under parish council rules, a decision cannot be reconsidered for six months unless there is a resolution signed by two members. Mrs Dowson and at least three colleagues plan to stand for election and force a reconsideration. "Everybody is talking about this issue and saying we are right. I play darts for the local Black Swan pub and every time I go to an away match and people realise who I am they ask me about the horse."

Mr Lomax is less pleased about the public attention. "I even got a phone call the other day from a chap who said he had a sacred cow at home and could he graze it on our holy land. People outside the village think it's a great joke but I'm getting a bit fed up."

He added: "I've said I want to be cremated. I want my ashes to be scattered on a windy day in the village centre. Then people can say I irritated them when I was alive and continue to irritate them when I'm gone."

## Sunday trading talks begin

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE Home Office has started discussions aimed at settling the issue of Sunday trading law reform. Angela Rumbold, the Home Office minister, is to have meetings in the coming months with at least 15 organisations on both sides of the debate, in the hope of finding some common ground.

The organisations invited to meetings so far include church groups, the National Consumer Council, the shop workers' union Usdaw, the community shop group Opea (Outlets Providing Everyday Needs), the Shopping Hours Reform Council and the Keep Sunday Special campaign. A Home Office spokesman said yesterday: "The list is not final or exclusive. It could be that others who are interested will be added. The meetings are likely to extend into the autumn. This is an area where precious little common ground has been evident in the past."

John Marshall, Conservative MP for Hendon South, is tabling a Shops Bill under the 10-minnte rule tomorrow which would lift trading restrictions on many shops that at present trade illegally on Sundays. Those include DIY and garden centres, video shops, small grocers' and newsagents".

The bill, condemned by the Keep Sunday Special campaign as untimely, is certain to founder, adding to the long list of unsuccessful initiatives attempted in this contentious area of legislation. John Major, the prime minister, is known to be keen to reform Sunday trading laws, which he has described as bizarre, but Mrs Rumbold emphasises that no proposal to change the law will be made until general agreement has been reached.

## Poison case doctor freed

A doctor who tried to murder his wife by spiking her birthday trifle walked free from court yesterday after being given three years' probation. Dr Richard Archer, aged 28, was caught after his drugged wife Elaine was found near their home in Stanford le Hope, Essex.

He admitted attempted murder at Chelmsford Crown Court last month after trying to poison his wife and then attempting to strangle her with a dog lead. Before sentencing him at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, Mr Justice Garland was told that Archer was responding to treatment for clinical depression.

## Auctioneers foil Soviet art crime

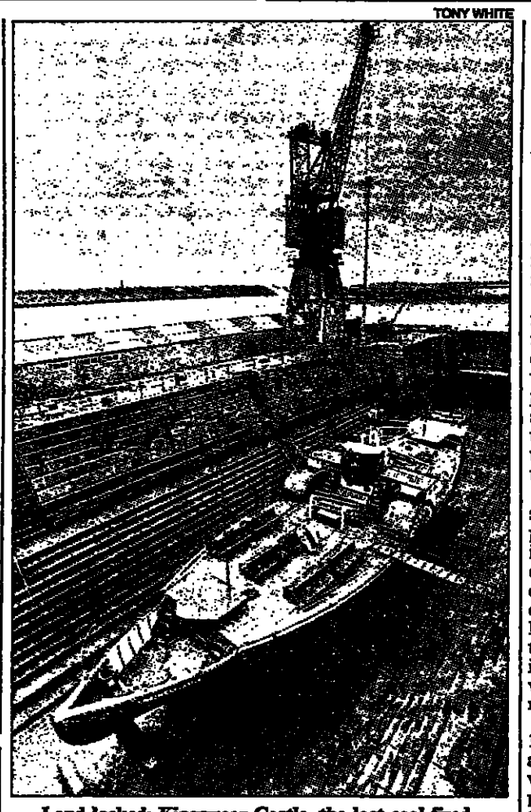
By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND
ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS to sell art stolen from the Soviet Union and smuggled to the West have been foiled at two London auction houses, after intervention by the Soviet authorities.

*Forest Marshes at Twilight*, by the 19th-century Russian painter Isaac Levitan, was identified as being from the Armenian national museum at Yerevan and was sent back by Sotheby's, and a watercolour stolen from a private house was stopped at Phillips. The works are thought to be only a small fraction of the stolen Russian art illegally brought to the West.

This return of stolen art was possible partly due to Sotheby's initiative in developing the Soviet art market. Within 24 hours of an item's theft, Sotheby's can have a photograph of it circulated to its staff and other auction houses.

TONY WHITE



Land locked: Kingswear Castle, the last coal-fired paddle steamer in Britain, undergoing its annual inspection at Chatham docks, Kent, before starting her seventh year of operation on the Medway

## One in 25 needs special treatment for dyslexia

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ONE in 25 people suffers from dyslexia so severely that he or she should seek special treatment, according to new research.

The number of people afflicted by dyslexia, the learning disability hampering the development of reading and writing, may be higher than previously thought as many symptoms can lie dormant until children reach their teens, say medical experts in the United States and Britain.

"Many acquire reading skills but take longer to comprehend meaning. The national curriculum offers a great opportunity to pick it up at an early stage if testing is done correctly at age seven," said Harry Chasty, joint director of the Dyslexic Institute, based in Staines, west London, the world's only national teaching network for dyslexics.

A survey by the institute of 1,000 parents found growing awareness of the symptoms, which include clumsiness and poor concentration and short-term memory in often otherwise bright children. More than half the parents had considered dyslexia a possibility when their children were between five and seven years old. Almost 40 per cent simply thought their children unintelligent, lazy or lacking in interest in school work.

Research carried out by the institute shows that four out of five sufferers have a family history of dyslexia. It also confirms that boys are three times more likely to suffer than girls, reinforcing suggestions of a link with the male hormone testosterone. About 40 per cent of the parents surveyed were worried about the lack of specialist teaching available to their children.

Liz Brooks, Dr Chasty's co-director, said that many would require only short-term help if teachers had the right skills. The institute is training 200 teachers a year and running short courses for local authorities, but provision is still patchy.

The long-term effects of failing to cope with the problem are often severe. Four out of five parents had noted a deterioration in behaviour when their children were unable to keep up with school work. One girl aged 12 had attempted suicide twice before her condition was diagnosed.

Dr Chasty believes that the frustration and lack of job opportunities suffered by untreated dyslexics may even be reflected in the prison population. It has been estimated that up to 70 per cent of prisoners have a reading age of less than nine and, while he accepts that dyslexia is by no means the only cause, he believes that better assessment and teaching would cut the number of offenders. Studies have shown that children's behaviour tends to improve when dyslexia is recognised and their self-esteem returns.

The institute was hoping to promote the new findings and improve public awareness of the disease through the Dyslexia Institute Week, which started yesterday.

Unfortunately, however, the event lost one of its main attractions because of the Gulf war. Prize-winners in a national competition for dyslexic children were to have been given flights on Virgin Airways planes, but that was ruled out because of extra security at airports.

## Crew on trial

The ten-man crew of the Panamanian-registered oil rig supply ship Sea Ranger V appeared at the High Court in Kilmarnock yesterday accused of importing, possessing, and supplying cannabis. The men, seven Dutch, three Ghanaians and a German, denied the charges, which arose after customs officers boarded the ship off the Hebrides in November. The trial continues today.

## Trainer in court



Jenny Pitman (above), a top racehorse trainer, chose trial by jury when she appeared before magistrates at Newbury, Berkshire, yesterday accused of making a threatening phone call to drive a former employee out of her home. Mrs Pitman, aged 44, of Upper Lambourn, Berkshire, was granted bail until April 15.

## Jobs on a plate

A £2.5 million sauce factory creating 80 jobs is to open in Scunthorpe, the Humberside town which lost more than 1,500 British Steel and other jobs last month. The Sauce Company will make mainly frozen sauces.

## Roaring success

Lord and Lady Bath are to throw a party on April 5 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the setting up of the Longleat safari park in Wiltshire. "Some people were genuinely afraid of a jungle on their doorstep," Lord Bath said. But the lions had put Longleat on the world tourist map and saved the house and its treasures.

## Feed-process clue to BSE

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

CHANGES in the technology used to recycle offal and other animal remains as cattle feed may have been a key factor in the outbreak and spread of "mad cow" disease in Britain, scientists at the government's Central Veterinary Laboratory in Weybridge, Surrey, believe.

Since late 1988, more than 30,000 cattle suspected of having the incurable brain condition bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) have been slaughtered. Post-mortem examination has confirmed the disease in 24,400 of them.

BSE is thought to have been caused by a sudden increase around 1981-2 in the exposure of cattle to feedstuff containing meat and bone meal derived from the remains of sheep infected with scrapie. Such feed has been banned since July 1988.

Scrapie, however, has been present in British sheep for at least two centuries and meat and bone meal of sheep origin has been fed to dairy cattle as a high-protein additive since the 1920s. If infected feedstuff is to blame, why has BSE appeared only in the last few years?

The hypothesis offered by scientists, in a paper published in the latest issue of *The Veterinary Record*, is that in the early 1980s all but two of the 46 plants in Britain processing casualty farm animals and abattoir and butchers' waste stopped using a technique known as hydrocarbon solvent extraction. They believe that process inactivated the scrapie agent more effectively than the heat treatments now generally used and estimate that the amount of meat and bone meal produced by that method dropped by 46 per cent between 1980 and 1983. They also note that Scotland, which has the only two plants still using solvent extraction, has a very low incidence of BSE.

The United Kingdom Renderers' Association yesterday questioned the accuracy and relevance of the data on which the scientists' conclusions are based. The association said that the processes and equipment used in Britain were no different from those used in the rest of the developed world, where only a few cases of BSE have been reported.

John Wilesmith, head of epidemiology at Weybridge, said: "We are not suggesting that cessation of solvent extraction was the only, or even the main factor. But in conjunction with other risk factors, such as the existence of scrapie in the sheep flock, a high number of sheep relative to cattle and the feeding of meat and bone meal to ruminants, it may have been decisive."

France reported its first officially confirmed case of BSE at a farm in Brittany last week. Some vets in Britain believe that there are more cases, which are either not being reported or are being misdiagnosed as rabies.

## Injury risk 'higher for commuters who stand'

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

COMMUTERS standing in overcrowded trains are more likely to sustain serious injuries in rail accidents than those sitting down, the enquiry into the rail crash at Cannon Street in London was told yesterday.

After examining 104 of 542 passengers injured in the accident, Alan Lettin, a senior consultant orthopaedic surgeon at St Bartholomew's hospital, said the Clapham rail crash report's conclusion that passengers' position had no bearing on their injuries was "lacking in common sense".

Dividing the injuries into those caused by the impact, by crushing, and by being trapped in the wreckage, Mr Lettin told the enquiry that the number of injuries in the first two categories would have been greatly reduced if the passengers were seated.

Standing passengers "moved like ears of wheat in the breeze", causing head, neck, and chest injuries, he said. Mr Lettin was giving evidence on the final day of the enquiry into the Cannon Street rail crash in January, in which two people died when the 7.58 from Sevenoaks crashed into the buffers.

David Cope, a civil engineer and an expert on buffer stops, said that the hydro-pneumatic buffers used at Cannon Street were designed to stop a train travelling at six mph. However, they brought trains to a halt far more abruptly than the sliding buffers used at other termini.

The enquiry was told that the latest survey of passenger traffic into London showed that 232 of the 856 trains arriving at London's 14 termini between 7 and 10am were overcrowded, with an estimated 23,339 passengers standing who should have been seated.

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# Baker rejects Labour call for talks on anti-terror act

By Peter Mulligan and John Winder

POLITICAL tensions over the Prevention of Terrorism Act grew yesterday when the home secretary rejected Labour calls for all-party talks on its replacement and urged MPs to vote to continue it.

Kenneth Baker was accused of turning the annual debate on the act's renewal into a party political occasion after telling Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, that rhetoric, invective and sophistry against terrorism were not enough. If the act were not continued, there would be rejoicing in the ranks of the IRA.

Mr Baker announced that a new police group had been set up to improve co-ordination between the metropolitan and provincial police forces for dealing with terrorism. He also said that he planned to bring in regulations soon that would put into effect tougher controls on the acquisition, carriage and possession of explosives.

The act allows the police to detain suspected terrorists for up to seven days without charge and allows the home secretary to exclude them from the mainland.

Mr Baker said that there had been more terrorist incidents on the British mainland last year than at any time since 1975. Three people had died and 56 had been injured. In Northern Ireland, 76 had died and 906 had been injured.

He accepted that Lord Colville of Culross, in a review of the working of the act, had come down on balance against the power to exclude people from the mainland, but he added: "We have to face the facts". Information often came from sources whose identities could not be disclosed to a court without risk to their lives. "Where we cannot charge, we have to exclude", Mr Baker said. There were 97 exclusion orders in force. "Those who would not continue with this act in force would allow known terrorists to walk our streets with the police powerless to intervene."

He ruled out a Labour call for a national agency for the prevention of terrorism. One already existed, he said, in the Metropolitan Police special branch that had national responsibility for intelligence about Irish republican terrorism throughout Great Britain. Last year, the head of the anti-terrorist branch had been appointed national co-ordinator of the Provisional IRA investigations.

To increase the effectiveness of that arrangement, a small dedicated group had been created last October. That was an important development greatly enhancing co-ordination between the Metropolitan Police and provincial forces.

Mr Baker said that there was precious little evidence of law-abiding citizens being alienated by the act, as Labour claimed. They were, however, alienated by terrorist bombs placed in litter bins to kill passers-by.

He called on Labour to change its position, adding that Mr Hattersley could forge a bipartisan approach by supporting the act's renewal. This was not a time for sophistry.

Mr Hattersley said that the disagreements that would characterise the debate should not prevent Mr Baker from accepting his offer of inter-party talks, nor make them impossible or undesirable.

There was much evidence to suggest that the act had become counter-productive. In other parts of Europe, people held without charge were subject to court hearings and that was what Labour and the European court were asking for. If there were to be a judicial review of detention, after 48 hours, before an extension, Labour would look at the matter in a different perspective, for then the rule of law would be operating, rather than the rule of ministerial diktat.

It was now irresistible that some new tribunal should be set up to oversee the powers. Nothing but a bold initiative seemed likely to deflect the divergence of procedure between the rest of Europe and the United Kingdom. Steps against terrorism must be consistent with belief in a free society and must be effective.

Mr Hattersley concluded with a list of ideas for action. These included accepting the view of the European court and Lord Colville that detention should be extendable, but only after the case has been reviewed by a judicial tribunal; exclusion orders should be banned; there should be tougher measures against terrorist funds; they should introduce the Colville suggestion of video-recording of interviews with all suspects in custody; and internment should be removed from the statute book.

JOHN MANNING



Photo-opportunity: Michael Heseltine, environment secretary, and Lord Sainsbury, chairman of Sainsbury's, at the launch yesterday of a government leaflet about how to be green. The leaflet, *Wake Up*, which is aimed at the millions of people who have not joined environmental groups nor yet become concerned for the fate of the planet, offers advice on how they can protect or improve the environment, covering areas such as shopping and recycling waste (Michael McCarthy writes). The launch took place at Sainsbury's supermarket at Nine Elms in south-east London; the leaflet will be distributed through supermarket chains.

# Official admits accounts disasters

By Richard Ford

ERRORS of judgment and mistaken staffing arrangements were admitted yesterday by the top official at the Foreign Office as he explained disasters in the department's accounting procedures.

Conservative and Labour MPs criticised muddle and incompetence in the Foreign Office which meant that it could not submit accurate accounts for last year. Sir Patrick Wright, permanent under secretary at the department, agreed that it was a serious matter that the comptroller and auditor general had been unable fully to approve four accounts in the department for 1989-90.

The disruption in the department's accounting system was traced to 1987 when the Foreign Office decided to replace its computerised payments and accounts system. The accountants Price Waterhouse were hired as consultants and they recommended buying a package from Memory Computers Ltd, but the firm was unable to meet deadlines and went into liquidation.

Sir Patrick agreed that officials at the department had been unable to manage the programme itself. It had been a fundamental mistake for officials not to adopt a standardised system of computer project management, he added. The department had lost its entire bookkeeping staff during the period of the change to the new accounting system. "We should not have allowed so many staff to change."

He told the Commons public accounts committee that it had been unwise to rely too much on staff in the finance department who operate on the same basis as those in the diplomatic section and have periods of duty at home and abroad. "We are trying to move to an arrangement where we rely on non-mobile staff." Sir Patrick added there was no evidence that fraud had taken place, though he said that a cashier had been suspended and charged with theft after £8,000 in cash and £23,000 in cheques had been missed. The sums had been recovered.

# MPs back prime minister in plea to end sanctions

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

BRITAIN should phase out economic, sporting and cultural sanctions against South Africa and increase contacts at all levels, the Commons foreign affairs committee said yesterday. South Africa should also be readmitted to the Commonwealth once a multiracial democracy was set up in Pretoria.

The cross-party committee's enquiry into southern Africa supported the efforts of the prime minister to persuade other Commonwealth leaders to dismantle sanctions rapidly once the remaining cornerstones of apartheid are removed this year.

The MPs recommended:

☐ the removal of all economic sanctions after the final apartheid laws are repealed;

☐ the revival of sporting links as sports become genuinely multiracial;

☐ pressure on America to restore South Africa's access to the International Monetary Fund;

☐ the retention of sanctions on the arms trade and on military contacts until all South Africans have the right to vote under a new constitution; and

☐ the end to cultural and academic boycotts operated by Equity, the Musicians' Union and the Association of University Teachers.

However the committee split over the timing of the removal of sanctions, with some Labour MPs urging a slowing process.

The committee said: "It still requires considerable imagination to see how we can reach the point at which free multi-party elections will be held in war-torn Angola and Mozambique or in a violent South Africa. Yet the impossible now seems possible."

The committee was convinced that the Pretoria government recognised that apartheid was not acceptable in theory nor workable in practice. "That recognition makes it highly unlikely that the current reforms will be reversed under the present administration."

The Anti-apartheid Movement said that the committee had missed a valuable opportunity to speed the peace process. "By advocating sweeping away all sanctions other than military measures once three apartheid Acts are repealed, it proposes minimising the very pressures which have brought the South African regime to negotiate."

House of Commons foreign affairs committee first report: *UK Policy Towards South Africa and the Other States of The Region* (Stationery Office; £14.80)

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## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; prime minister. New Roads amd Streetworks bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Community Charges (Substitute Setting) bill, committee. Motion to continue Prevention of Terrorism Act.

# Kinnock unsure about his 'free' supper

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

THE Supper Club, the clandestine Labour grouping whose secret moves to change the leadership stance on the Gulf war were disclosed last month, has gone back to ground though it remains alive and well.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has been invited to attend one of its meetings, usually held in a public house or a private meeting room at Westminster. He is believed to be pondering the offer.

Far from being silenced by the furore surrounding the disclosure of the minutes of a Supper Club gathering that voiced considerable misgivings about Mr Kinnock's position, the group looks destined to grow in influence.

One prominent soft-left member of the shadow cabinet has applied to join during the past couple of weeks. In any case, the shadow cabinet representation is larger than was thought at first.

Those disclosed so far as being members are John Prescott, Michael Meacher and Jo Richardson. But Margaret Beckett, the shadow Treasury chief secretary, has been a member almost since it was formed three years ago, and owned up to Mr Kinnock when the storm broke recently.

She had good reason to be thankful to the group. The year before last the Supper Club had its own informal "slate" for the shadow cabinet elections that saw Mrs Beckett elected for the first time. She was on the slate and the group is said to have worked hard on her behalf. Members say that there was no slate last year.

The group has been portrayed erroneously as having been formed to back Mr Prescott's leadership campaign in 1988. In fact, it was brought together by the late Allan Roberts, the former environment spokesman, as a reaction to the growth of the Tribune group into what its detractors call a leadership support faction.



Fisher: minutes decision led to exposure

Taking its lead from the Conservative whips' office, which allows any of its members to blackball any potential recruit who causes him offence, membership is by invitation only. Any recruit must be acceptable to all members. The proposal that Mr Prescott should join was not given automatic acceptance. According to one member: "There was a lot of soul-searching over John".

The club usually meets in the Westminster Arms, by Central Hall. Its members, all devotees of the Kinnockite soft left, are happy in each other's company. They meet to talk about the issues of the day and feel free to voice constructive reservations about leadership policy without fear of being reported to Mr Kinnock for disloyalty. The Tribune group had become too big and unwieldy and, according to one Supper Clubber, unsafe.

The club would have continued undetected had not Mark Fisher, the arts spokesman, thrust unexpectedly into the chair normally occupied by Clare Short for that fateful meeting, decided to take minutes and distribute them to members.

Nearly all the members would regard themselves as friends or sympathetic political colleagues of Mr Kinnock. According to one of its members it is the sort of group he would have joined had he not been party leader. He had known of the group's existence.

As far as can be ascertained, the only member who suffered his wrath face to face was the unfortunate Mr Fisher, who was seen trudging disconsolately from the leader's office. Mr Kinnock did not mind the group meeting. What upset him was its decision to take and record formal decisions. In conspiracy-conscious Westminster that was an act almost certain to lead to discovery.

And will Mr Kinnock be going to the Westminster Arms for a pie and a pint? Perhaps not. He said last night: "My door is open and they do not even have to pay for the coffee. There is — to coin a phrase — no such thing as a free supper."





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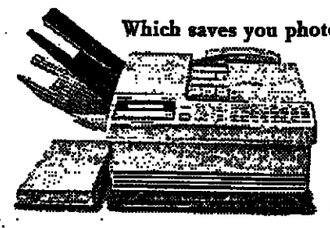
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# Palestinian problem remains hardest piece to fit in jigsaw

TWO issues will dominate the Middle East as Western politicians scramble to assemble the pieces from the Gulf conflagration to build a lasting peace: a regional security structure and the future of the Palestinians.

The first is the priority in the immediate aftermath of war. James Baker, the US Secretary of State, is now telling Arab leaders what he has discussed extensively with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and fellow European leaders — that the West has no intention of maintaining a permanent military presence in the area. The security of Kuwait and other small Gulf states must be the prime responsibility of the peoples of the region, the West believes.

The basis for such a structure is to be an enlarged and strengthened Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), the regional economic grouping led by Saudi Arabia which includes Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Already Egypt and Syria are now linked to the GCC, and any regional force might include a substantial number of Egyptian troops, giving it a financial stake in the region's security. The disadvantage is that Egyptians are held in low esteem in the Gulf, a potential source of friction.

Sultan Qaboos of Oman drew up plans last December, but these have advanced little since then. Britain would like to see a Gulf-based security structure set up as soon as possible and is prepared to help with training or naval visits. There is now some urgency; Mr Hurd and Mr Baker have insisted that all British and US land forces will be withdrawn as soon as possible.

France would like the United Nations to play a more active role in peace-making and peace-keeping. President Mitterrand believes that it should not be left to the US-led forces in the field to determine the peace, which he and some Arab leaders fear could become an imposed Pax Americana that excluded the Soviet Union and could turn Arab public opinion against the West. They favour a transitional UN force to give Kuwait an international guarantee from attack. The mandate could last until the forces were replaced entirely by Arab troops.

> The time when the big powers acted as regional policemen has passed. Now the Arabs and their neighbours must settle outstanding issues, **Michael Binyon** writes

Other Europeans who played a smaller role in the war are warming to a Spanish-Italian proposal for a Helsinki-type Conference on Security and Co-operation in the Mediterranean (CSCM). Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, launched the idea in the autumn, arguing that CSCM could be an overarching structure that combined the interlocking issues of security, economic development, regional conflicts, emigration and the strained relations with Europe.

Britain was initially cool to the idea, believing it too grandiose and unwieldy. But Mr Hurd now says it could be a useful procedure to get talks going in the less contentious areas before tackling the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The future of the Palestinians is the other core concern that now tops the international agenda. The war has stiffened the resolve of the West to lance this source of poison to the region. Arab members of the coalition are reminding Western leaders that they promised speedy action after the end of the war. Arab public opinion now expects no less.

But the issue looks more intractable than ever. Israel is in no mood to make any concessions and will refuse to be pressured into attending an international peace conference. The Israelis have gained from their restraint during the war, have won money and sympathy from the West, and can count on a strong lobby in the US Congress to block anything Mr Baker may do to get his ill-fated prewar peace plan off the ground.

The Palestinians are demoralised and leaderless. Their support for Iraq has cost them dear in the West and most of the Gulf. Yassir Arafat's leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation has virtually ruled it out as a negotiating partner, and there is no clear mechanism for finding acceptable Palestinian representatives. Even King Husain of Jordan, ironically now seen by many Palestinians as the man to procure the best deal for them, has many bridges to rebuild before he can count on international support.

The West is divided on how to proceed. Europe, including Britain, wants to convene an international conference that would quickly lead on to negotiations with the Israelis. Washington still sees no role for the Soviet Union in the process and prefers a series of bilateral talks between Israel and its neighbours.

Many Arab states are now ready to abandon the Palestinian cause. Egypt has re-emerged as a strong regional power. Its new triangular alliance with Saudi Arabia and Syria brings together the largest, richest and most fervently nationalist of the Arab countries and they may be prepared to make a regional settlement with Israel above the heads of the Palestinians. But this could be at the expense of stability in Jordan, and would leave a deeply embittered Palestinian diaspora.

The West is fearful that even a concerted effort to resolve the issue will run into the same obstacles as all previous Middle East peace plans. The influence the United States now wields could quickly dissipate — especially if the Soviet Union, believing its interests in regional peace and stability have been ignored, reverts to a hard line and encourages Arab rejectionists.

European countries see a radicalised North Africa in turmoil and fear the continued destabilising influence of President Saddam Hussein. Europeans — especially the French — are eager to play a more independent role in the region again, but know that they must co-ordinate their moves with Washington.

KUWAIT

# Prince returns full of thanks to Bush for Iraqis' defeat

From LIN JENKINS IN KUWAIT CITY

KISSING the ground and praying silently to Allah, Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al-Sabah of Kuwait returned home yesterday from seven months in exile, the first member pf the ruling family to return after the liberation.

The crown prince, who is also the country's prime minister, dropped to his knees on the tarmac of Kuwait airport, cupped his hands as if holding the Koran, and prayed briefly after stepping off a Saudi military C130 transport plane.

As the most visible symbol of the stability of Kuwait returned, elsewhere in the emirate Tom King, the defence secretary, was passing on the thanks of a grateful Britain and promising a speedy return home to UK troops during a flying visit to headquarters of the 1st Armoured Division camouflaged in the desert 25 miles northwest of Kuwait City. Distinguishable by his open-necked shirt and casual trousers from army officers in their lightweight desert uniforms, his buoyant mood went unnoticed by the troops relaxing in their boxer shorts.

The visit was informal without military parade, ceremony or show, allowing the soldiers to unwind after their speedy advance through the desert.

Mr King said every effort would be made to begin moving British troops home a fortnight after a formal ceasefire was announced, with the first arrivals to be the first departures.

"We will get them home just as soon as we can, once we are satisfied that the ceasefire is real and that the job has been done. The worst mistake we could make at this moment of success would be suddenly to let it slip by, rushing, and reducing our defences, letting our guard down just when somebody tried to undermine that success," he said at a press conference held under a camouflage net. "We have come a long way. We have invested a tremendous amount, a lot of people have invested really their lives. We are not going to throw it away at the last minute by letting our guard down."

A Kuwaiti government official said the emir, Sheikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, is expected to return from exile in the western Saudi city of Taif in a few days.

The crown prince, wearing a brown ceremonial robe trimmed in gold and a white head-dress, waved to the crowd of 200 people. "I am happy to be here," he told the crowd of mostly Kuwaitis and American military personnel. But for Edward Gneim, the American ambassador, he had a special word of thanks. "I thank you, I thank the United States and I thank the president. Thank you. Thank you," Mr Gneim quoted him as saying. "I told him in Arabic, 'Welcome home, a thousand congratulations'."

"We hope it will be a new era for Kuwait," Abdul Rahman al-Awadi, the minister of state for cabinet affairs, said. As news of the prince's arrival spread through the city, Kuwaitis filled the streets in flag-bedecked cars, clogging the seaside corniche drive. "Is it true, is it true?", yelled one Kuwaiti soldier at a passing car as gunshots from resistance fighters filled the air.

Mr al-Awadi said Kuwait was not concerned about the possibility of a post-war Islamic revolution in Iraq. "We have no problems with any Islamic group." Asked if he feared civil unrest in Iraq would affect Kuwait, he replied: "I hope not. I hope the instability means they will have a new leader."

Mr King said that concrete evidence of Iraq's commitment would be the release of prisoners of war, detainees and the bodies of those who died, as well as a declaration that they renounce their claim to annex Kuwait. There would also have to be no further hositilies or Scud attacks.

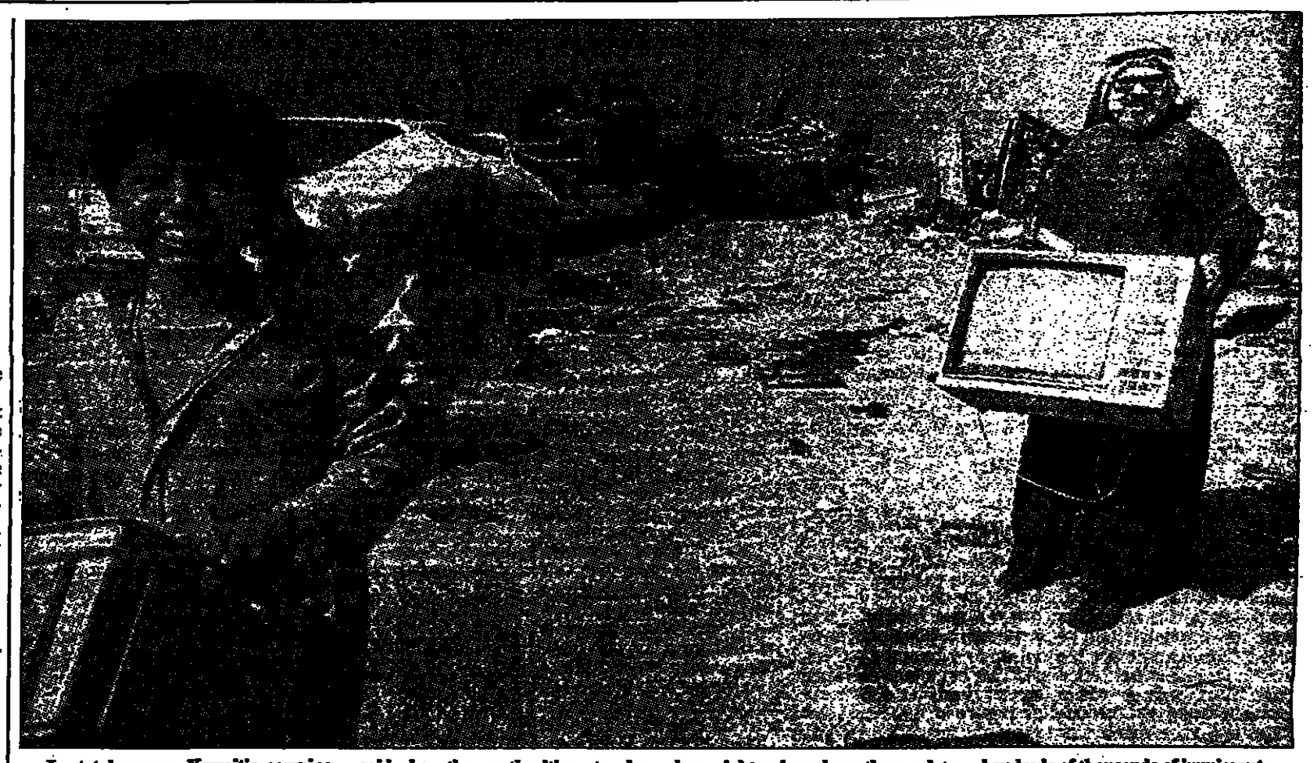
Mr King said: "We shall judge them by their actions," adding that he would assume that all PoWs had been treated according to the Geneva Conventions unless given proof to the contrary. "If they were not, it would be a very serious matter indeed."

He said he did not envisage stationing British ground forces in the area, although a naval presence had been established for some years. "We now look to see the achievement of this remarkable campaign under the authority of United Nations, now to see the rebuilding of democratic free Kuwait, free from Iraqi aggression, now going forward to see peace at last in this troubled area."

Mr King did not elaborate on what he saw as the political future for Kuwait, which before the invasion was not democratic, and faces growing internal pressure for a change in the political system.

The defence secretary spent ten minutes talking to Major-General Rupert Smith, commanding officer of the 1st Armoured Division, and Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billière, the field commander of UK Forces Middle East.

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Loot take-away: Kuwaitis carrying away looted belongings from the destroyed Iraqi convoy near Kuwait City. Fleeing Iraqi troops tooks all they could from homes and offices in the last days of the occupation. In the five days since Kuwait City was liberated, little has been done to restore normality (Lin Jenkins writes). Although water supplies are said by the authorities to be available for two hours a day, there is no evidence of this, and food remains scarce with no commercial traffic coming in by road, sea or air. Fuel is also scarce and costly. Nothing has been done to clear the debris which lies with broken glass and spent bullets in the street. The Kuwaitis continue to spend their days sightseeing along the road to Basra where the burnt-out wreckage of the fleeing Iraqi convoy, with bodies hanging out of windows, remains like a freeze-fraime from a film. A 10pm curfew has been imposed, but power supplies are unlikely to be restored for some weeks. Many believe that essential services will not resume until the hundreds of thousands of immigrant workes return from the Philippines and the Indian subcontinent. One Kuwaiti, well dressed and driving an expensive car, said: "There are not many of us here. The Kuwaiti people are not skilled and have been used to paying others to work for them, so there is really very little they could do here at the moment."

# Debate on expatriate rights is rekindled

By MICHAEL KNIPE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

KUWAIT faces the critical issue of how it can balance its national integrity with manpower requirements. Before the Iraqi invasion, Kuwaitis made up less than half the population and less than 20 per cent of the workforce. Full citizenship was a jealously guarded birthright.

In the wake of the occupation, many Kuwaitis nurse a dream of their homeland becoming more self-sufficient. But with the mammoth tasks of reconstruction and development ahead, expatriate skills will clearly be needed. This means the democratic rights of the long-term expatriate community will have to be addressed along with those of the Kuwaitis.

Out of a total of about two million people, the number of Kuwaitis with full citizenship is put at only 800,000. They have relied extensively on an expatriate population of more than a million. An estimated 300,000 Palestinians provided most of the bureaucracy. Expatriates were unable to own property, and were forced to leave once their work ended.

One financial sector specialist said: "It will take decades for the Kuwaitis to train up enough of their own people, even if the will is there."

Jaffar Behbehani, an official of the Association for a Free Kuwait, said there was an urgent need for a broad debate that would take into account the views of all Kuwaitis in defining what sort of democracy would suit the emirate as it faced the challenges of the future. "We certainly have to address the issue of how to give some form of representation to long-term expatriates and their children."



Royal homecoming: Sheikh Saad al-Sabah, the Crown Prince and prime minister, kisses the ground on his arrival at Kuwait airport yesterday

PALESTINIANS

# Refugees in Amman throng round Kuwait embassy hoping to return

From ADAM KELLIHER IN AMMAN

AS Palestinians thronged outside the Kuwaiti embassy in Amman hoping to return to the emirate, Abdel Karim al-Doughmi, the Jordanian labour minister, said yesterday that he hoped the estimated 300,000 Jordanians and Palestinians that had come to Jordan since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, creating an unemployment crisis, would soon be able to return there.

In other signs that Jordan was trying to realign itself after displaying pro-Iraqi sentiments throughout the Gulf conflict, the lower house of parliament toned down its scathing attacks on the coalition and dropped its condemnations of Arab and Muslim nations that assisted the anti-Baghdad drive.

There was also a mood of contrition among hundreds of Palestinians who daily gather outside the Kuwait's mission in Amman, hopeful for news that they can soon return to the nation where many lived and worked with a degree of affluence that they cannot find in Jordan.

Applicants deliver bouquets of flowers at the embassy. Since visas will not be granted for three months while the emirate gets back on its feet, men sheepishly queue to sign a congratulation book.

This is the most apolitical crowd in Amman, the only place where one cannot be bombarded with allegations of Western imperialist knavery against President Saddam Hussein's righteous Muslim cause. "I didn't hear Saddam's message to the Arabs," says Abdul Muhammad, aged 30, an engineer. "I only heard [President] Mubarak's. But what Saddam did was a mistake. There are different ways to unite the Arab people."

All deny any pro-Saddam tendencies; many go curiously silent when asked if they held these views last week.

Those Palestinians hoping to return to Kuwait like to forget that the emirate counted only 22 "friendlies" out of 180,000 Palestinian refugees during the occupation. Strident pro-Iraqi statements, smears against the "decadent" ways of the Gulf Arabs, declarations that Saddam was delivering some sort of divine retribution on the Kuwaitis for being un-Islamic, were recorded by Kuwaiti diplomats throughout the occupation.

The bitter memories are at high levels, as shown by Kuwaiti officials' swift dismissal of King Husain's call last Friday for reconciliation in the divided Arab world, which included a salute to the return of Kuwait's independence. Some Palestinian leaders are predicting a vengeful massacre of their community in Kuwait.

Animosity between Kuwaitis and imported labour was largely because of restrictions that forbade Palestinians and others, even if born in Kuwait, from owning properties or businesses. Yet an oil-funded lifestyle of free health and education and unbridled consumerism still holds its attractions. Applicants were highly qualified in service or technical industries, and many had very bourgeois aspirations. "I would go today. I would even walk there," said Willy Salem, aged 26, a manager of a restaurant. "The Kuwaitis have their own sources to pick up those who collaborated with the Iraqis."

Inside the plush embassy, work is under way to decide between friends and enemies, a responsibility of Kuwait's interior ministry. One diplomat said that among Palestinians who remained in Kuwait about 50 per cent backed Iraq, 40 per cent were neutral, and 10 per cent actively assisted the Kuwaitis. Of the estimated 180,000 Palestinians who fled, only 22 were listed in Amman as people who declared their sympathy for the emirate and gave some assistance during the occupation, he said.

Kuwait's official position is that anybody found to be "negative" will be barred from re-entering, but otherwise all can return. However, bad blood doesn't wash away so quickly. "These people, they hate us from inside themselves," one Kuwaiti diplomat said. "I thank God that I was here to find out how they were not good to us. They did everything to keep Iraq in Kuwait. They always had the same comment: that we were so bad that God took away our state and we cannot go back."

AMERICAN FORCES

# Pentagon to reassess role of women in front line

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

IF ONE person could symbolise the heroism and tragic loss of life in the Gulf war then an American army major, Marie Rossi, is a leading candidate.

Rossi, a helicopter pilot with an easy charm, was one of the first American female soldiers to enter Iraq in the land battle. She won the hearts of her countrymen by leading a flight of five cargo-carrying CH47 Chinooks across the border from Saudi Arabia in the early hours of the offensive, often with 2,500 gallons of jet fuel strapped to the bellies of the aircraft.

The media snapped up the 32-year-old as a photogenic example of the wider array of roles played by women deployed to the Gulf. The US military found in her a perfect advertisement for equal-opportunity patriotism.

"What I am doing is no greater or less than the man who is flying next to me or in back of me," she joked as television began to turn her into a celebrity. "If you talk to the women, who are professionals in the military, we see ourselves as soldiers. We don't really see it as man versus woman."

One week later, Rossi has become a reminder of the cruel twists of fate. She died at the weekend when her helicopter crashed near the base camp of the 18th Aviation Brigade — one day after a ceasefire took effect. No reason had been given for the crash by late yesterday. Three crew members, including a co-pilot, also died, bringing to more than 100 the number of American troops killed in training exercises or actions unrelated to combat.

Rossi and four other female soldiers drew attention to the gradual blurring of the distinction between the US military's combat and non-combat positions that are, respectively, closed and open to women. For the first time since the second world war, an American female, specialist Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, aged 20, was taken prisoner with a male colleague during a ground skirmish. Three other women died last week when an Iraqi Scud missile hit their barracks in Dhahran.

Ms Rathbun-Nealy was released yesterday by her Iraqi captors with nine allied PoWs in Baghdad in a goodwill gesture after a ceasefire agreement. But her assignment had set the stage for a reassessment of women's role in the military even before her release. The Pentagon has asked for reports on their role in a growing debate over the ban on allowing women to serve on the front line.

# Hardliners renew threat to Rushdie

**London** — Iranian fundamentalists have renewed calls for the swift implementation of the death sentence on Salman Rushdie, who has been in hiding since Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian spiritual leader, pronounced his *fatwa* in February 1989 (Michael Binyon writes).

A seminar of leading Iranian religious leaders ended yesterday with a resolution noting that the decree was immutable. According to Tehran radio, it said: "All Muslims and believers of religions were urged to ensure its speediest implementation". A charity group, 15 Khordad (June 15), doubled the reward to $2 million (£1.05 million) for any associate, relative or neighbour killing Rushdie.

On Sunday, there was a small student demonstration outside the British embassy in Tehran against Britain's protection of Rushdie.

## Parade go-ahead

**New York** — Less than a week after saying New York could not afford it, Mayor David Dinkins announced a week-long celebration in May for servicemen returning from the Gulf, including a Broadway ticker-tape parade. Representatives from Britain and other allies will be invited.

## Iraqi pardon

**Baghdad** — Iraq said it was pardoning army deserters, draft-dodgers and soldiers who went absent without leave, Baghdad radio reported. Deserters in Iraq would normally face execution. The broadcast said those pardoned had a week to report to their units. *(Reuter)*

## Stolen car

**Rome** — A Ferrari, stolen by an Iraqi general during looting in Kuwait City a few months ago, has been seized by Italian authorities in a Rome garage, court sources said here. The theft was discovered when the new owner of the luxury car tried to apply for Italian registration papers. *(AFP)*

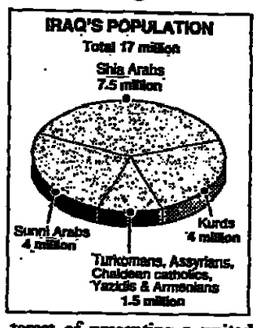
IRAQ

# Opposition splits reduce chances of rule by ayatollahs

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

THE prospect of a popular revolution in Iraq has raised fears that such an upheaval might result in an Iranian-style Shia state which would embark on a new course of violence. There is also concern that Iraq might break apart from civil war or foreign intervention. Both fears are likely to prove misplaced, but should be examined.

The first is easy to dismiss. Although a majority of Iraq's Arabs belong to the same stream of Shia Islam as the bulk of Iranians, they only comprise 7.5 million of the 17-million Iraqi population. The remaining 9.5 million population consists of four million Sunni Muslim Arabs, four million Kurds and 1.5 million others.




Nor are the Shias homogenous. The middle classes and the educated have been alienated by the association of their mullahs in exile in Tehran with the excesses of the Iranian leadership and are against the idea of an Islamic state in Baghdad. Some of them are likely to align themselves with the Sunni Arabs and the Kurds to prevent a future national assembly or government from being dominated by Shia fundamentalists. Some Shias are grateful to America for its decisive intervention in Kuwait that may result in the overthrow of the Baathists and President Saddam Hussein.

The second fear is more difficult to dismiss, largely because the opposition is alienating the Iraqi Kurds by its disagreement about the degree of autonomy that they should have in recognition of their separate national identity. The Kurds are therefore uneasy about their future in a post-Baathist Iraq.

Kurdish leaders, in the interest of presenting a united front to Iraq and the outside world, agreed in Damascus in December to form a joint action committee of the Iraqi opposition with all other significant political parties and personalities. But the insistance of Shia fundamentalists on emphasising "the nationhood of the house of Islam", rather than on ethnic or cultural differences, meant the gathering could only agree to grant the Kurds very limited autonomy. The 17-party alliance is meeting again this weekend, in Beirut, but it is unlikely that the Shia clerics will change their stance, particularly since their followers' participation in the uprising in Basra has enhanced their status.

The united opposition of all the neighbouring states, particularly Turkey, to the creation of an independent Kurdish state is an important factor against the Kurds' chances of breaking away from Iraq. Turkey, where the writing of a love poem in Kurdish remains an offence punishable by imprisonment or exile, is worried that the Iraqi Kurds' talk of democracy might ferment unrest among its Kurdish population of up to 15 million.

Turkey has has said that it would intervene to prevent a neighbouring Kurdish state from coming into being. This, it is thought, might force Iran and Syria to intervene in other parts of Iraq to safeguard the interests of the Shia and Sunni Arab communities respectively in Iraq.

In any case, it is most unlikely that Baghdad, under whatever leadership, would allow the Kurds to regain the northern oil fields of Kirkuk, confiscated by Saddam. Any breakaway Kurdish state would be a poor, landlocked country of hill farmers lacking any major source of wealth or industry. This has not escaped Kurdish leaders.

An Iraqi state trying to rise out of the ruins of today could ill afford a guerrilla war with its Kurds. Nor, despite the limited autonomy on offer from their allies in the opposition, do the Kurds have much incentive to start another bout of fighting that could attract international military aid to Baghdad to turn it into a repressive power once more.



Landscape of fire: an American Chinook helicopter observing the flames from some of the 600 Kuwaiti oil wells set ablaze by the Iraqi army

# TV crew tells of brutal treatment in captivity

By BILL FROST

NERVOUS, red-eyed with fatigue, and painfully thin, the four CBS television journalists taken prisoner by Iraqi troops early in the Gulf war after crossing into occupied Kuwait, yesterday described the brutal treatment meted out to them by their captors.

The crew were blindfolded, kicked and constantly beaten during their 40 days in captivity, Bob Simon, the network's Middle East correspondent, said. Mr Simon was singled out for particularly harsh treatment because he is Jewish. "They accused me of working for Mossad, Israeli intelligence, and I was sure all four of us would be killed."

Peter Bluff, aged 46, the crew's British producer, said Iraqi troops had tried to break him by suggesting he would meet the same fate as Farzad Bazoft, the Observer reporter hanged in Baghdad last year for alleged espionage. Mr Bluff, like his three colleagues, was kept in solitary confinement for some time. Then he heard another British voice elsewhere in the cell block. "I now know it was John Peters, the RAF pilot who has just been released by the Iraqis. But, then, in that awful place, to hear his cheery, clear voice chatting to his fellow PoWs, was wonderful."

Roberto Alvarez, the cameraman, and Juan Caldera, the sound engineer, said the worst moment had come when the prison where they were being held was hit by US bombers and they crouched in a corner as rubble fell on them and half the cell disappeared.

Asked why he had taken the crew on such a perilous assignment in contravention of allied reporting restrictions, Mr Simon said: "We were not after an enormous scoop. We just wanted to check out what was going on at the border."

Man in the news

# Death of tyrant's son will bring joy

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

IF THE news of Udai Saddam Hussein's death at the hands of anti-Saddam rebels in Basra were to be confirmed, it would bring secret smiles to the faces of many long-suffering workers in his father's palace-bunker, let alone the rest of the country: Mesopotamia could not have produced heirs less lovable.

Born 31 years ago, Udai became notorious in 1989, when his father announced on state television that he would be tried for the murder of Saddam's favourite bodyguard. Udai had marched into an official party to club to death one of his father's closest confidants. All Iraqis were equal before the law, the progressive, egalitarian president announced. Saddam gave no details of the crime, but when Udai was being held it transpired that the dead man, whose official position had been foodtaster to the president, had also been a procurer of women and the messenger between Saddam and his chief mistress. Udai had been enraged by his mother's humiliation when Saddam flaunted the affair.

Udai's mother, Sajida, demanded to know why Udai had been imprisoned. It was not the first time that he had killed, nor was he the only member of his family "who kills regularly".

Mother and son were sent to Switzerland, but they had to return when Udai was expelled after threatening a doorman with a gun. Saddam announced to the nation that his son had missed his beloved motherland. Judges pleaded with the president to drop the charge, as enquiries had shown that the killing had been an accident. Udai then became chairman of the Iraqi National Olympics Committee. It became known that he had killed two army officers whose daughter and wife he had molested on dance floors.

Udai volunteered for army service to play his part in the return of "the 19th province", and was said to have committed acts of particular barbarity against Kuwaitis who had not co-operated in the vanquishing of their country.



Udai Saddam Hussein: like father, like son

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BRITAIN

# Iraqis still held on security grounds

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A TOTAL of 65 Iraqis, classified as security risks, were still being detained by the Ministry of Defence and the Home Office yesterday.

Of the 33 civilian detainees, 12 are expected to leave the country shortly after unsuccessfully appealing against deportation, while 19 are awaiting appeal hearings or the results of hearings. In two cases, officials are making further enquiries.

A government spokeswoman said: "We hope that all the outstanding cases will have been completed by the end of the week." The detainees are being held at three prisons: Wormwood Scrubs in London; Coldingley in Surrey; and Full Sutton in Yorkshire.

The MoD said 32 Iraqis, detained at Rollestone camp on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire, would be released when a formal ceasefire was declared in the Gulf, and Iraq had freed all allied PoWs and Kuwaitis. Three Iraqis were released from Rollestone last week after an enquiry revealed that they were genuine students.

The Home Office said some of the Iraqis might claim asylum. "Arrangements for their release and repatriation will have to take into account various factors, including their willingness to go back to Iraq," the spokeswoman said.


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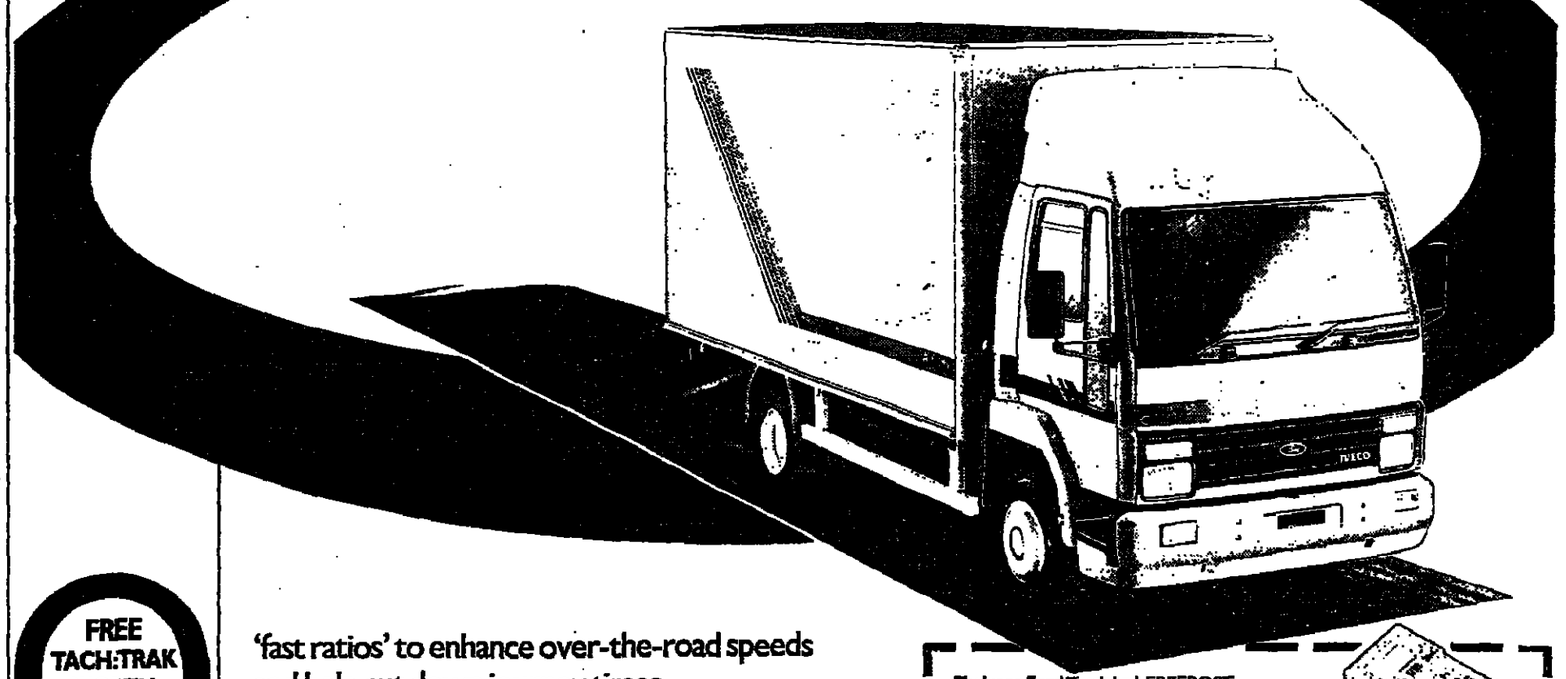
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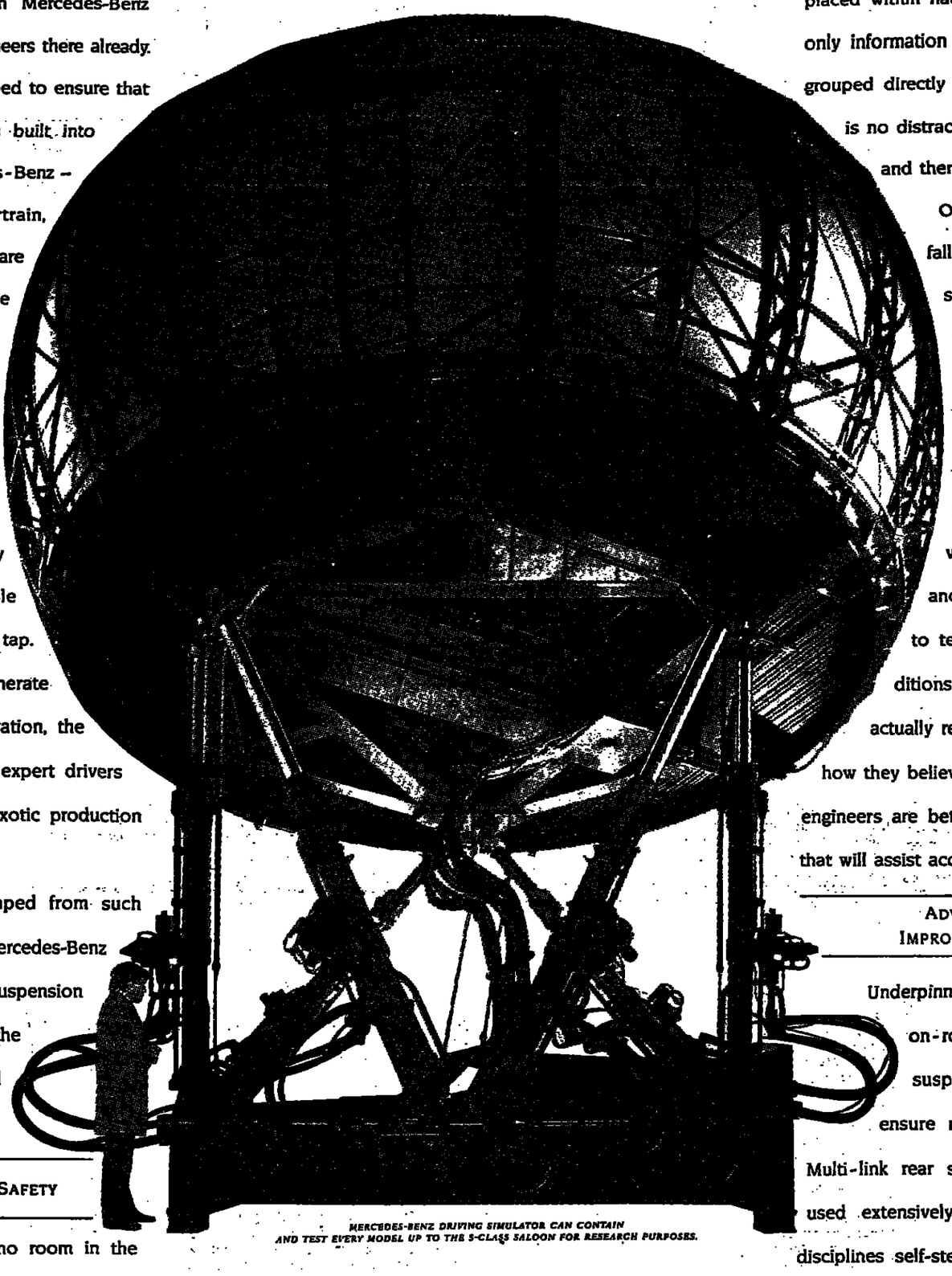
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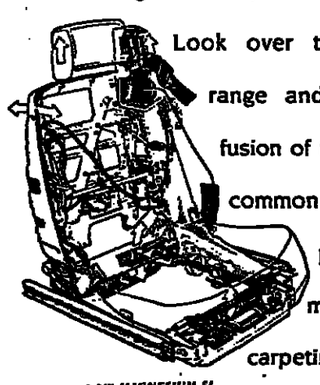
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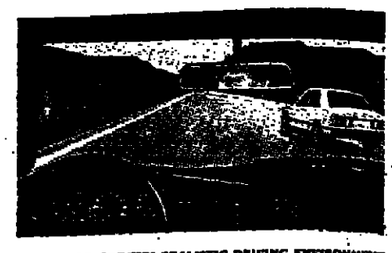
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Genscher: Gorbachev remains the best bet for reform

**The very group of investors meant to lead Western support for Soviet economic reform is holding back through lack of confidence, Ian Murray writes from Bonn**

GERMAN captains of industry are rapidly becoming disillusioned with President Gorbachev and sceptical of his reform programme. Despite continuing encouragement from the foreign ministry in Bonn to invest in the Soviet Union, German businessmen are no longer prepared to risk money to help prop up a leader in whom they have lost confidence.

While Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, continues to insist that President Gorbachev remains the best chance for ensuring that reform goes ahead, the business community is holding back, largely refusing to commit money and time to developing projects even with government support.

The lack of confidence among the very group of investors meant to lead Western support for Soviet economic reform is exemplified by Wilhelm Christians, chairman of Deutsche Bank's supervisory board, who has ruled that the bank will finance projects only if the German government guarantees them. Herr Christians, who has just published a book called *The Way to Russia*, blames the struggle between central and regional state governments for the fact that there has been no development of trading capability.

A weekend conference in Düsseldorf of experts on the Soviet economy concluded that conditions were getting worse. Professor Stanislav Shatalin, chairman of last year's economic reform commission in the Soviet Union, said that most political decisions were not being taken, while those that were approved were ruined by general corruption or sabotaged by the administration.

According to Axel Lebahn of Deutsche Bank, there was almost an investment standstill now "because nothing works" and because the financial risks were too great. This applied not only to the Soviet Union but to eastern Germany as well, he said.

These views are widespread, according to a new Allensbach poll among the highest levels of German management. This shows that 61 per cent of industrial leaders now believe that President Gorbachev's economic reforms had no chance, compared with two-and-a-half years ago, when 74 per cent believed he would succeed.

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has also lost popularity at home, according to the latest opinion poll. Three months after he led his coalition government to a comprehensive victory in the first all-German election, Herr Kohl is trailing his almost unknown challenger, Bjorn Engholm, leader-elect of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD).

The poll, by Forsa, the Dortmund-based research institute, shows that 69 per cent of Germans in both western and eastern parts of the country are disappointed with Herr Kohl and only 31 per cent trust him. Some 43 per cent would vote for Herr Engholm compared with 34 per cent for Herr Kohl.

His rapid loss of popularity is mainly owing to last week's decision to introduce the largest package of tax increases in modern German history. Throughout the election campaign, the chancellor had emphasised that he would not need extra revenue to help pay for unification, but last week the government had to admit it miscalculated. Oskar Lafontaine, the SPD challenger who was comprehensively defeated in December, quipped that Herr Kohl was learning English by reading President Bush's lips.

Herr Kohl's popularity problems are not confined to the economy. The Gulf conflict showed German foreign policy to be in disarray, too focussed on East-West relations, which were themselves in need of a review. This has led to criticism from within Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, about Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the long-serving foreign minister, from the Free Democratic Party, junior members of the coalition.

Herr Kohl came to Herr Genscher's defence against these attacks at the weekend, but he is nevertheless worried that Germany has lost prestige and influence over the Gulf war and he is supporting an internal coalition debate on future foreign policy strategy. He is also rearranging his kitchen cabinet.

# Black leaders try to save peace deal after Soweto killings

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

RIVAL black politicians in South Africa are attempting to salvage a peace agreement after an outbreak of fighting between their followers in which at least 24 people were killed and 15 wounded.

The weekend clashes between Zulu and Xhosa-speaking workers at a Soweto hostel were the worst since Nelson Mandela, the deputy president of the African National Congress, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the president of the Inkatha Freedom Party, agreed to end hostilities between their organizations in January.

Police said the violence was sparked by the death of a Zulu worker They also reported that gunmen fired at Harry Gwala, a hardline ANC leader in Natal, as he was addressing a peace rally in the province. He was not injured, and there were no arrests.

As tension mounted between militants of the two sides, high-level delegations met near Durban in an attempt to restore peace. The ANC was represented by members of its executive committee, and Inkatha by members of its central committee and the KwaZulu legislative assembly.

Police are also investigating death threats against leading figures in the government, the ANC, and multinational companies by a clandestine right-wing guerrilla group modelling itself on the IRA. A document purporting to identify targets of the self-styled Boer Republican Army is being circulated among Afrikaner extremists in the western Transvaal.

The death list includes President de Klerk and members of his cabinet, Mr Mandela and his ANC colleague, Walter Sisulu, security policemen and a senior advocate investigating right-wing activities. It also incites attacks against British and American diplomats and members of the British and American chambers of commerce.

The members of the republican army are instructed to find out when and where such persons are due to appear in public. The document says: "Herein the examples of the Irish Republic Army, who have been fighting against the British for hundreds of years, are very informative. Do get books on the subject." A spokesman for the law and order ministry said police had a copy of the document, and were checking its authenticity. "We take all threats of this nature very seriously."

Meanwhile, four right-wing groups have called for an Afrikaner day of fasting tomorrow in solidarity with nine of their members on hunger strike in prison. The detainees include Piet Rudolph, aged 55, the deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party, who has been refusing food and liquids for four weeks.

Mr Rudolph, a former Pretoria city councillor, was captured on September 17 and detained in connection with bomb attacks and thefts from state armouries. He began his hunger strike in protest at the government's refusal to negotiate rights for an Afrikaner homeland.

Amid the political turmoil, an umbrella organization for anti-apartheid groups has decided to disband and form a non-aligned movement. The United Democratic Front, which acted as a surrogate for the ANC when the latter was banned, said it would cease to exist on August 20, its eighth anniversary. UDF delegates, their role largely overtaken by the ANC and other black political parties, resolved to create a new non-partisan organization to concentrate on community issues, and coordinate activities of civic, church and youth groups.

● **Hanging blocked:** The Pretoria supreme court yesterday granted a stay of execution on the eve of South Africa's first hanging in 15 months, human rights lawyers said. A spokeswoman for the abolitionist Lawyers for Human Rights said: "We have been given time to make further representations and further petitions on the basis of new psychiatric evidence."

Paul Bezuidenhout, aged 22, a Coloured man convicted of stabbing to death a woman, aged 54, and a child, aged two, was due to hang at dawn today in Pretoria prison. He had been described by the appeal court as "completely depraved". The South African Council of Churches petitioned President de Klerk at the weekend to halt the execution, arguing that it would not serve as a deterrent.



Sisulu: among names on far-right death list



Damping down: firefighters watching steam rise from the wreckage of a United Airlines Boeing 737-200, which had crashed in flames just two miles short of Colorado Springs airport, killing the 20 passengers and five crew on board. The plane had narrowly missed houses and apartment buildings, and a witness said that the pilot managed to bring the plane down in a narrow park. But a girl aged 12, who was in the doorway of her home, suffered a head injury when she was blown backwards by the force of the accident on Sunday. Local officials later reported that she was in a satisfactory condition. The plane was en route from Denver, the state capital of Colorado. The weather was clear but there were high, gusty winds in the area at the time of the crash.

# Albanian refugees overwhelm small port

Otranto — This small Italian port, on the southern Adriatic, has declared a state of emergency, saying it has been overwhelmed by the arrival of hundreds of Albanian refugees. Officials have demanded that Rome take more responsibility for almost 900 Albanians who have fled the Balkan state since a wave of anti-communist protests began on February 21.

"The government must take on more of the problems in question, which could get worse from hour to hour," the Otranto city council said in a letter to the government after declaring the state of emergency at an extraordinary meeting.

Most of the Albanians, fleeing by night in small fishing or merchant vessels, have arrived at Otranto. Some have landed at the port of Brindisi, 40 miles to the north. Almost all have been given temporary lodging in nearby hotels and schools, town officials said.

With a population of just 5,000, Otranto has been hard pressed to cope. *(Reuter)*

## Bonn 'cover-up'

Berlin — Investigators overseeing files of the defunct Stasi in East Germany accused Bonn of covering up key facts in its report clearing Lothar de Maizière, the last East German prime minister and deputy leader of the governing Christian Democrats, of spying for the feared secret police. *(Reuter)*

## 96 die in crash

Maputo — At least 96 people were killed in a train crash in the northern Mozambican province of Nampula. State radio said that a train had broken down about six miles from the station at Nacala, then rolled back into the station, where it left the rails. *(Reuter)*

## Canton jailings

Hong Kong — Three Hong Kong men were sentenced to up to five years in prison by a court in Canton for helping pro-democracy activists to flee from the country after the Tiananmen Square killings in June 1989. These are the first in the recent series of political trials in China to involve Hong Kong residents.

## Zia takeover

Dhaka — Begum Khalida Zia, aged 46, leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, is likely to be sworn in as prime minister at the head of a new government today after her victory in parliamentary elections last Wednesday. Her party won 140 of the 300 seats in parliament.

## Lawyer arrested

Nairobi — A Kenyan civil rights lawyer, Gitobu Imanyara, has been arrested and civil rights activists expressed concern for his safety. The American government has protested at his arrest. Mr Imanyara is on the board of Article 19, an international anti-censorship group.

## Chile violations

Santiago — A Chilean government report acknowledged that the former military junta violated human rights. Just before its publication, a retired army major who had been accused of torture, and his wife, were shot dead, allegedly by left-wingers seeking revenge. *(Reuter)*

## Fathers caned

Peking — Ten husbands with pregnant wives in the Chinese province of Sichuan defied regulations that limit urban couples to one child and refused to have abortions, so were caned, a stroke for each day since conception, to make them change their minds, a newspaper said. *(Reuter)*

# Moscow cries foul at Baltic vote

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN RIGA, NICK WORRALL IN TALLINN AND BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet government had no immediate comment yesterday on the referendum results in Latvia and Estonia, which amount to a propaganda defeat for conservatives in Moscow. But the official media carried a mixture of straight reporting with allegations of malpractice.

In Riga, Anatolijs Gorbunovs, the Latvian president, said that he hoped the majority for independence in Sunday's poll would make President Gorbachev abandon his claim that most Latvians are opposed to independence.

Tass, however, said rules governing the Latvian poll sparked widespread objections, such as an "avalanche of protests" from the crews of ships at sea who were unable to vote. To the resentment of ethnic Latvians, the republic's merchant fleet is crewed mainly by Russians. The agency also said Soviet servicemen in Latvia were angry at their exclusion, which meant, for example, that 11 deputies who represent the armed forces in Latvia's parliament were unable to vote.

*Pravda* carried a front-page report on moves by Lithuania's small pro-Soviet minority to set up polling stations in factories and army bases for the March 17 poll on the Soviet Union's future, an exercise with which republican authorities are refusing to co-operate. Inside, it carried a Tass report from Riga alleging that some ballot papers were marked in advance.

The agency has also reported sympathetically on the holding of "mini-plebiscites" by local authorities in Russian-speaking parts of Estonia.

In Estonia there was no cheering, no obvious jubilation. Mr Gorbachev's view that neither this nor Sunday's poll in Latvia, or last month's in Lithuania have any validity means that the Baltic struggle for freedom has a good distance to run.

In Estonia, with a Russian-speaking minority of almost two-fifths, 77.8 per cent of those voting gave their support to independence in an 82 per cent turnout. There is evidence from some Estonian areas that up to half the Russian-speaking voters supported the nationalist government. The two staunchest Russian regions are Narva — where 25.5 per cent voted in favour — and Sillamae where 40.5 came out in support. But in the predominantly ethnic Estonian regions, an average 90 per cent supported the call for independence.

The euphoria among Latvian leaders, meanwhile, diminished yesterday as late provisional results from Russian-majority Riga reduced the majority in favour of independence from 77.1 per cent to 73.6 per cent. This means that the independence movement has fallen just short of the goal of gaining two-thirds of eligible voters for independence. The proportion of those voting against rose yesterday to 24.7 per cent, and it is now clear that most non-Latvians in the republic voted against independence.

# Soviet nod to German unity

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet parliament yesterday ratified the six-nation treaty on German reunification, removing the last obstacle to full sovereignty for the united Germany. A spokesman for the parliament would not give details of the vote, held after a day of debate conducted mostly in secret, but ratification within the day is a victory for President Gorbachev who had been accused of "losing Eastern Europe" and "jeopardising the country's defences".

Ratification of the treaty and four bilateral agreements with Germany, including the one providing for ultimate withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Germany by the end of 1994, was one of the most sensitive items on the parliamentary agenda. Debate on the agreements, signed in September, had been delayed for several months, partly because of opposition from the military and hardliners.

Advocates of the agreements contend that Moscow had no choice but to accept unification unless it was ready to use armed force. Given that reality, the Soviet Union had to get the best possible security and financial guarantees.

Yuli Kvitsinsky, a deputy foreign minister and former ambassador to Bonn, who introduced the agreements yesterday, emphasised the fixing of Germany's borders, its renunciation of territorial claims, the compromise withdrawal period of four years and the sum of DM15 billion (£5 billion) in German aid — only DM3 billion requiring repayment, without interest — as the best possible deal available. When the vote was taken, most deputies agreed.

# Japanese unions seek cut in hours

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JAPANESE unions, representing the world's most docile workforce, are seeking a cut in working hours. A shorter working week, in a country where the ambitious have been known to work themselves to death, is the main objective in the annual spring labour-management negotiations. They also want wage increases of 8 to 9 per cent.

Media commentators are proclaiming that a younger generation of workers is breaking new ground by fighting for the right to relax. Previously unmentionable requests for leisure are being seriously considered, they say. Workers want more than seven days' holiday a year, they want to be home before midnight every night, and they want what one journalist termed "such innovations as the five-day work week".

Eiji Suzuki, president of Nikkeiren, the omnipotent business federation charged with controlling Japan's labour movement, has indicated that big pay demands would fuel inflation — consumer prices inflation ran at 4.5 per cent in the year to January — and are unlikely to be met, but that employers may bow to union demands for shorter working hours.

But employees dreaming of a fortnight on the beach with the family had better forget it, for the increase in leisure time will simply boil down to slightly decreased overtime hours. "There will be no extra holidays, just less chance to earn overtime pay," confided Hideo Owan of Nomura Research Institute, a private sector think-tank.

Employers are delighted with the unions' demand for a little leisure. Firstly, it serves as welcome ammunition to silence foreign criticism that Japan's labour force works too hard and, according to one European trade negotiator, "effectively exports unemployment".

Secondly, the labour shortage means that management will happily exchange their employees' working hours for the cheaper services of part-time workers. Japanese workers clocked up an average of 2,052 working hours in 1990, some 400 hours longer than West European workers.

Having charged in like lions every year with fierce demands for wage rises, the unions have a reputation for accepting whatever is offered like lambs. Rises this year are forecast to reach a maximum of 5.9 per cent, less than last year's 5.94 per cent. No action is expected.

"Union leaders have made their 8 to 9 per cent demands without expecting to win them. They understand that corporate profits should come first. They will not take strict action," said Mr Owan.

Industrial action is anathema to most Japanese unions and the most radical restrict their strikes to a one-hour lunchbreak. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that three-quarters of Japan's workforce eschew union membership altogether.

# TV fanfare for the balalaika boy who made good

By MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THERE was a time when Soviet leaders celebrated "round-figure" birthdays by printing their touched-up portrait on all the front pages and awarding themselves another Order of Lenin. President Gorbachev, who has just turned 60, ended all that, but not quite.

On Saturday, his birthday, most of the papers published a picture of Mr Gorbachev visiting Belorussia. The national parliament, the Communist party, and foreign statesmen wished him many happy returns, good health and success. By Sunday, the event seemed to have passed into history, when the television suddenly changed its evening schedule to present a portrait of the president through the eyes of his formidable peasant mother.

*Our First President*, a 45-minute documentary showing pictures from the family album, film of the Gorbachevs' native Stavropol countryside, and reminiscences by family and friends, depicted the ideal childhood of an ideal leader, unclouded by rivals, disagreements or other worldly cares. Stavropol boys of today were seen plunging into the local lake for a swim, lounging on grassy banks strumming guitars and balalaikas and helping with the harvest as, the film inferred, had the young Gorbachev half a century earlier. The president's mother, Maria Panteleyevna Gorbacheva, sitting outside her blue-painted wooden house, waxed garrulous about Misha, her gifted, balalaika-playing son.

A solid and confident peasant woman, Maria Pantaleyevna alluded occasionally to Misha's brother, Aleksandr, killed in the war, and to his late father, Sergei. The president's wife, Raisa, appeared briefly, but Misha and his mother were the stars, with the people of the Stavropol region in supporting roles. Misha's Young Communist leader, Nina Goncharova, praised his talent as an activist and an organiser always ready with ideas. A university contemporary, Viktor Astafyev, now a writer, complimented the young Mikhail Sergeyevich on his ability to listen.

The message of the film, which lacked polish and belonged to the eulogistic genre rarely called for since the advent of glasnost, seemed to be that Mikhail Gorbachev was not only a life-long leader destined for greatness, but also an ordinary Russian, with his roots in the countryside and among the people. Such a message would be especially pertinent today as complaints mount that the president has become divorced from the masses and does not appreciate the exigencies of their daily lives.

The film may also have helped to satisfy the endless curiosity of Russians about the hidden lives of their leaders. One of Mr Gorbachev's earlier contributions was the approval he gave to a posthumous tribute to Yuri Andropov, called *Yuri Andropov: Pages from a Life*, which showed the late leader in his Moscow flat and at his dacha, writing poetry, drinking tea and socialising with his family. Now, senior officials are often introduced to the media on their appointment as being married and information is given about their children.

Unconfirmed reports say that *Our First President* was ready for showing a year ago, when Mr Gorbachev was sworn in as president, but was held back when comments began to circulate about a new "personality cult". While some people were impressed with the documentary and with Maria Panteleyevna, so obviously just another peasant mother, proud and protective of her Misha, others questioned its intent, noting wearily that it was only Part One. Others drew attention to the imminent release of a three-hour film on the life of the Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, produced in his home city of Sverdlovsk.

To judge by the hour-long version released a year ago, and Mr Yeltsin's published autobiography, the young Yeltsin spent his childhood helping in the home and winning fights in the yard.

# Devaluing the university

## Conor Cruise O'Brien

The discrediting of Western civilisation is an important part of the curriculum of many American universities today. It is conducted under the auspices of a loose coalition, of which the main components are "black studies" people, "women's studies" people and "deconstructionists". People who regard Western civilisation as basically racist do not agree, in theory, with those who regard it as basically sexist, but the two sets can work together happily enough on discrediting the civilisation in question, for their different reasons.

The deconstructionists, who are mostly white males, join in for their own esoteric reasons in academic politicking, the triple alliance making a formidable block. The women and the blacks have their own specific programmes. The deconstructionists have taken over the departments of English and comparative literature on many campuses and have significant influence in sociology, anthropology and law.

The most recent study of deconstruction is on the whole a hostile one: *Signs of the Times: Deconstruction and the Fall of Paul de Man* by David Lehman (Poseidon Press, 1991). Lehman offers a number of definitions of deconstruction, of which the most descriptive is: "The taking apart of hierarchical systems of thought". "Hierarchical systems" include the assumption that Shakespeare is in some way qualitatively superior to comic books.

This assumption – expressed in a milder form – has been explicitly rejected by an influential figure in the deconstructionist movement, Houston A. Baker of the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Baker declared a few years back that choosing between Virginia Woolf and Pearl Buck is "no different from choosing between a hoagy and a pizza". He added: "I am one whose career is dedicated to the day when we have a disappearance of those standards."

That a professor of English in contemporary American academe can make a success out of a career so dedicated is demonstrated by the fact that this Professor Baker – best known for the remark quoted above – will be president of the Modern Language Association of America in 1992. The systematic discrediting of literature has become the most conspicuous activity of the academic departments for its study in America.

There are campuses – the University of Chicago is one – which have shown themselves resistant to deconstruction, and there are several individual scholars who have attacked it strongly. More numerous are the scholars who sit on the fence. The deconstructionists – or the "hermeneutical mafia" as they are sometimes called – constitute an efficient and ruthless lobby. A young teacher of English with a career to make will find it prudent to master the jargon and techniques of deconstruction (which is not very difficult) even if he or she privately thinks the whole thing is nonsense.

Yale University has been the capital of deconstruction, since the Belgian writer Paul de Man joined its faculty in 1971. The three leaders of the movement – known as "the Boa-deconstructors" – De Man himself, Jacques Derrida and J. Hillis Miller, were all connected with Yale. At the time of his death in 1983, de Man was celebrated by the other leaders of the movement as a sage and saint. This made it embarrassing when it was discovered, four years later, that de Man had written regular pro-Nazi articles for a Brussels newspaper from 1940 to late 1942: a fact which he had subsequently concealed. This was particularly distressing because deconstructionists have been in the habit of tying the fascist label on to the many key concepts which which they wished to discredit, as in the phrase "meaning is fascist". So the discovery of de Man's past did some damage to the deconstructionist enterprise.

Several scholars assure me that deconstruction is now in decline. Intellectually, and in terms of publication, this may well be so. But in terms of the politics of academe, deconstruction is still a force to be reckoned with, as the election of Professor Baker demonstrates.

Lehman presents a substantial body of evidence in support of the thesis that the literature departments of many American universities have been hijacked by sophisticated charlatans with a nihilist know-nothing programme. What I find most alarming on the campuses is the calm with which this situation is accepted by those whose own disciplines have so far been only marginally affected by deconstruction. Greater vigilance seems called for. As Alison Lurie, the novelist and professor of children's literature, put it: "If someone came over to your house and said he was there to deconstruct it, you'd want to have him arrested".

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Deconstruction, and related enterprises, are now much further advanced in America than in Britain. Indeed, in a famous case in Cambridge (England) eight years ago, deconstruction underwent a setback. Yet it was in Britain, more than 60 years ago, and in historiography, not literature, that the enterprise began.

The real founder of deconstruction was Sir Lewis Namier. It was he who first applied the techniques which the deconstructionists now apply, as a matter of routine, over wide areas. It was he who dethroned the notion of qualitative difference. In the index of his farcically misnamed book, *England in the Age of the American Revolution*, you will find three lines allotted to Edmund Burke, as against 12 to a man called Hector Bilsen Legge. In the text, Namier rightly calls Legge "insignificant". But it is his insignificance that makes Legge significant, and Burke's significance that makes him insignificant. A. J. P. Taylor, Namier's colleague at Manchester, aptly described Namier's achievement: "He took the mind out of history." The deconstructionists took off from there into other disciplines.

As the Birmingham Six case is heard in the court of appeal today, **Lord Scarman** urges the involvement of judges in investigations to prevent innocent people from being convicted

# Justice in the balance

SALLY SOAMES



Lord Scarman: 'Are our trials contested to find a loser and a winner, rather than a search for the truth?'

In October 1989, upon a reference by the Home Secretary, the Court of Appeal reviewed and quashed the convictions of the Guildford Four. The case troubled and angered public opinion. Since then several convictions have been quashed on the grounds of miscarriages of justice within our system for the investigation and trial of criminal cases. There has also been the shock of the suspensions within the West Midland Police Force.

Currently, Sir John May is manfully striving to keep going his enquiry into the circumstances leading to the convictions in the Guildford case and the closely related Maguire case. But he has to wait while policemen are prosecuted for conspiring to pervert the course of justice in the Guildford case. He has, however, published a very disturbing interim report on the Maguire case, in which he finds that the scientific evidence called by the Crown was fatally flawed: this in a case in which there was *no other* evidence of guilt.

At this moment the Birmingham Six are once more in court for a second review of their case by the Court of Appeal. The case is *sub judice*, but we have already heard that the Director of Public Prosecutions is no longer prepared to argue that either the confessions or the scientific evidence constitute a safe and satisfactory basis for the convictions.

The three cases arose out of the IRA bombing campaign in London and elsewhere in England in 1974-5. The police were then under terrific pressure to make arrests and to secure evidence. We know now, after more than 15 years during which innocent people have been imprisoned for offences of which they are innocent, that the convictions in the Guildford case were wrong, and that vital evidence given in the Maguire and Birmingham Six cases is not safe and satisfactory.

The questions arising cannot be confined to such matters as misconduct of comparatively junior policemen. We must now question the justice and efficiency of our system for the administration of the criminal law. Not only the police investigation but the trial and appellate process must be reviewed. I should like to suggest five reforms: four that are specific, and one that strikes at the root of our adversarial system of justice.

● Can we allow convictions on the strength of confession evidence alone? The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 provides the trial judge with a discretionary power to refuse to admit confession evidence in certain circumstances. But this is not enough. The law itself tempts the police to use the confession as a shortcut to proof of guilt, for an accused may be convicted of very serious crime, including murder, on the strength of confession alone. This is what happened in the Guildford case, in which we now know that the supposed confessions were nothing of the kind. No one should be convicted on the strength of confession evidence unless the confession was made in the presence of a solicitor or other independent person, or in the face of the court, or unless the confession is corroborated by other credible evidence. This could be ensured quite simply by amending the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

● Do we need a revolution in our arrangements for the preparation and presentation of scientific evidence in criminal trials? The Maguire and Birmingham Six cases have exposed the lamentable arrangements which presently exist. It is wrong in principle that the prosecution should have the power to guide or even, in most cases, monopolise the research, assembly and preparation of much evidence. What is needed is an independent forensic science service working for the courts, that is to say a *judicial* service.

This service should be available to all parties, to the defence as well as the Crown. When working on a case, the service should do so under the direction of the judge, who should ensure that its working papers, reports, and any other relevant materials are disclosed to all concerned (judge, prosecution and defence). The service would undertake research and any laboratory work reasonably requested, and would communicate its results to judge and parties. An independent judicial service would underline the principle that a criminal trial is the final phase of a judicial search for the truth, not merely a contest between Crown and accused decided by a jury and refereed by a judge.

The Crown Prosecution Service has a valuable role to play in the preparation of scientific evidence. Subject to any directions by the court, it could act for the court in commissioning scientific research. The CPS has already made a fine start in its conduct of the Crown's case in the review of the three cases. It has shown itself in each case to be the servant of justice, and not merely the Crown's champion in a contest. And it has improved practice in another critical area: the disclosure of documents and witnesses to the defence. It is, I believe, willing, able and ready to assume the responsibility of directing the research and the preparation for trial of scientific evidence, and of ensuring not only that the defence is fully informed, but that it is given the scientific advice it needs. The CPS can be, and looks likely to become, a potent instrument for changing the style of the English criminal trial.

● Is the Court of Appeal the appropriate body to review cases in which miscarriage of justice is alleged? The existing law provides that in a case in which miscarriage of justice is alleged after trial and appeal, the Home Secretary may, if he thinks fit, refer the case to the Court of Appeal for review. But a miscarriage of justice is a wrong done by the state to an individual, and of grave public importance, and the Court of Appeal may not be the right body to conduct an enquiry.

Both the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee and the all-party lawyers' group, Justice, have considered this question. The Select Committee in its sixth report (1986) considered the Court of Appeal an inappropriate body to conduct what are essentially not appeals but enquiries. The committee recommended an independent advisory body upon whose advice the Home Secretary could act, and, if he thought fit, arrange free pardons.

Justice published its valuable report in 1986. The report agreed with the Commons Committee that review by the Court of Appeal was inappropriate, but took the view, which is constitutionally correct, that only a court can quash a conviction. It recommended the establishment of a court of review with the judicial power to receive evidence and call for documents, and specifically with power to quash a conviction as unsafe and unsatisfactory.

I agree with the select committee and the Justice report that the Court of Appeal is not the appropriate review body. Under the existing law, the convict who is alleging miscarriage of justice must be treated as an appellant, but he is likely to have neither the resources nor the opportunity (in most cases he is still in prison), nor the authority to put together the case, or to commission an investigation to establish the miscarriage of justice of which he complains. And in any event, what is at stake is not an appeal but an enquiry into a grave wrong done by the state to an individual.

● Should it remain the Home Secretary's prerogative to decide whether there should be a review? A filter to reject frivolous cases is needed, but I incline to agree with the select committee that the decision remain with him, if only because he is able to call upon his own department or upon a police force not concerned with the case to conduct a confidential investigation of the case. Perhaps one day, however, we shall persuade Parliament to provide a court of review with an effective secretariat doing the sort of job that the European Commission of Human Rights does for the European Court of Human Rights.

Turning to the general question, I believe the English jury trial is not as adversarial as it appears. Within the scarlet robes of the judge, mind and heart are dedicated to doing justice between the parties. Behind the fighting speeches and severe cross-examinations of trial lies the tradition that a prosecutor's duty is to lay the facts as given in evidence before the jury, and not to press over-zealously for a conviction: guilt or innocence is not for him but the jury.

Nevertheless, a trial is a contest, in which the skill of the advocate, the impact of a witness or some element of surprise can be the difference between victory and defeat. The weakness of the English system arises from over-emphasis on the trial itself as the critical period for determining guilt or innocence, and from consequent lack of judicial involvement in the pre-trial preparation, which may be still more critical.

An eminent Scots judge once commented to me that "You in England do not pay enough judicial attention to the merits of a case before trial". He may have had in mind the Scottish "judicial examination", but certainly he was correct about the absence of any continuous judicial control of pre-trial preparation. Save for committal proceedings in the magistrates court, which are frequently bypassed or a mere formality, there is in most cases none. If criminal trial by jury could be but a final phase in a process of judicial investigation, we might be able to establish a judicial initiative of enquiry and a readiness among judges to dismiss before trial cases in which the evidence can be seen to be suspect, incomplete or unsatisfactory.

More study is needed on this aspect of judicial control of the criminal investigation before trial. If we could establish judicial control as a feature of pre-trial investigation as well as of that trial, we would be able to abolish that obstruction to full enquiry, the accused's right of silence. So long as there is no pre-trial judicial control, and so long as trial remains the exclusive battle to determine a victor, the accused needs the protection of his right of silence.

## ...and moreover

# ALAN COREN

It is a soft March morning in 1871, and on the drive outside a sturdy London villa, the gravel crunches. Inside, a woman starts, looks up from her davenport, and drops her pen. A sudden vibration shakes her bodice. She knows that crunch. It is three long years since it crunched away, but hardly a day has gone by without her ear's being cocked for its crunching back. She runs to the door, and flings it wide.

"Lawks-a-mercy!" she cries, for popular fiction has been her only consolation during those lonely months, "Mr Forster!"

"Good morning, Mrs Forster," replies her husband, "I am home!"

He enters, removes his topee, bends his sunbleached sideburns to her joyful peck, and places upon their hall table the subject of this article.

"And was your expedition fruitful?" enquires Mrs Forster, as her bosom settles.

"Not only fruitful, dearest," he replies, "but seedful, flowerful, and, yes, cornful, too!" (for as well as being a great botanist, he is also a great wag), "and see, I bring you the most illustrious of my trophies!"

Her adoring gaze turns for the first time from his face, towards the hall table. "What is it?" she says.

"It is a potted palm," replies her husband. "Henceforth, no seaside string quartet will ever be the same. It is found only on Lord Howe Island in the Pacific, and since it was found only by me, it is called Howee Forsteriana. Even now, a clipper is pulling into Tilbury, for the greater glory of English botany. I intend knocking them out a five bob a time, including earthenware tub and watering instructions."

And now, as Mrs Forster swoons, the scene dissolves to another sturdy London villa, another soft March morning, exactly 120 years later, and another great botanist. On this occasion, his is the trembling bosom. He is staring at a polythene cloche tantalisingly fogged by condensation. He is, in apt concord with everything round him, rooted to the spot. Why is he not budging?

To find out, we must, having teleported ourselves this far, now go back six months, to an evening in September when the great botanist went to fill his dustbin, and found his Howee Forsteriana standing beside it. His wife had thrown it out, on the grounds that it was dead. The great botanist brought it back inside, on the grounds that one green frond was still hanging on, and observed to his wife that you wouldn't bin a canary with 90 per cent moult. You would attempt to revive it.

His wife said it was horrible to look at. The botanist, while forced to agree that the item could no longer be classed as decor, maintained that this was no reason to murder it. He had enjoyed a happily symbiotic relationship with the plant for ten years; when he breathed out, it breathed in, and vice-versa. They were mates. If you will not have it in the house, said the botanist, I shall stick it in the garden. At this, his wife selected a sharp snort from her professional repertoire, and pointed out that his moribund friend was a sensitive tropical soul who would not last five minutes out there.

The botanist glared at her for a bit, and slunk off to phone Kew. No chance, Kew corroborated, and went on to tell him more about William Forster than he thought he'd ever need, but there you are, journalism is full of surprises, you never know your luck. Most to the point, they said that Lord Howe Island did not know the meaning of the word frost.

But the great botanist did not know the meaning of the word defeat. In a sheltered southern corner of his garden, he either planted or buried the palm, depending on whether he or his wife was telling it. He then put a polythene cloche over it, leaned a sheet of plate glass against it, and, in due course, watched the snow fall on it.

That is why, this March morning, he cannot budge. He dares not. Could be a corpse underneath. But he is not the great Forster's heir for nothing. He girds his loin; moves the glass, lifts the cloche.

There is a palm-tree there. It has new green stalks, and new green leaves. It has not merely survived the winter, it has thrived on it. This is the Tropic of Cricklewood. The great botanist does not, however, pause to preen. He runs to the dustbin.

They had a mango last night, and some fool threw away the pip.

# Chains of freedom

As the Birmingham Six prepare for freedom, they are receiving expert advice for an ordeal which, in its way, could prove just as trying as captivity. In recent weeks, the Six have been regularly visited by Gerry Conlon, one of the Guildford Four, who has been offering advice on the pitfalls of life back in the real world after nearly two decades of prison routine.

"They will need to be tremendously strong," says Conlon, who was released in 1989 after 14 years of wrongful imprisonment. "When I got out I was hijacked by a television company. Because they were kind to my family and to me, I thought they cared about my welfare. It was emotional blackmail. I am advising the Six on how they can avoid a similar experience."

Conlon again visited the Six in Wormwood Scrubs and Long Lartin prison last week. Two of the group, Richard McIlkenny and Hugh Callaghan, he says, are emotionally well adjusted to the prospect of freedom and the inevitable media circus; but, he says, Gerry Hunter, Billy Power, Paddy Hill and Johnny Walker are less well prepared. "Johnny is tense and frightened at the prospect of release, and Paddy is up and down like a yo-yo. I do not think they have really grasped what they will face. Paddy Hill asked me if I thought there would be anyone outside the court when he came out. I told him it will be like George Best going out in front of a crowd of 54,000 at Old Trafford."

Conlon recalls with bitterness his own release, when he was taken to a London hotel by TV journalists and kept under guard to prevent rivals from talking to him. "I was more confined in the hotel than if I had been in solitary confinement." Conlon fears that the Birmingham Six face even greater problems than the Guildford Four, who were young and single when imprisoned. "They must start life again with wives and children they barely know," says Conlon. "It is going to be a shock. Even after release I have warned them that it will take a long time before they can start living again."




## Poll fix

Despite the importance of Thursday's Ribble Valley by-election, which could offer the first indication of whether we can expect a June election, the media has not commissioned a single proper opinion poll about the campaign. The reason appears to be that due to recession and the costs of Gulf war coverage, the organisations which might usually be expected to fund polls do not have the cash.

Thursday's contest is believed to be only the second by-election in recent years at which the pollsters have not been out in force, the first being Eastbourne, one of the most surprising results of the Thatcher years. Robert Worcester, chairman of Mori, believes that polls – or the absence of them – can affect the result. "If a poll had been conducted in Eastbourne and published on the Sunday before polling day, Tory voters who planned to abstain or cast a protest vote would have been driven back into the camp. They thought they were warning the prime minister; in effect they did her in."

As one who makes a living from polls, Worcester fears that an election without polls is less democratic. "Opinion polls prevent politicians from manipulating the media by announcing the results of bogus findings," he says. Poll addicts who cannot wait a couple of hours until the formal result, however, will get a belated fix on Thursday night from the customary exit poll by BBC *Newsnight*.

## No stampede

The Royal Mail will not be issuing commemorative stamps to mark the end of the Gulf war. The decision, however, has nothing to do with a desire to avoid triumphalism and everything to do with bureaucratic long-windedness. "It takes about two years to plan, design and produce a set of stamps," says the Royal Mail. "By the time an issue came out it would be out of date."




Such logistical problems are not plaguing the Kuwaitis, who are already planning a special liberation issue. An artist has been commissioned, the proofs for the designs have been drawn up and are already sitting in the in-tray of the Kuwaiti postmaster-general.

## Zoo aid

London Zoo hopes to rescue the few remaining hippos, giraffes and lions which have survived the onslaught of Iraqi soldiers at the Kuwait City Zoo. A team of London scientists working on the Tamaba animal reserve in Saudi Arabia has asked the Saudi government to be allowed to help the animals.

"They are on stand-by to leave for Kuwait to do what they can for the animals which remain," says a spokesman. Soldiers were reported to have eaten some exotic creatures, in order to survive the war. Some animals are wounded; others are starving.

London Zoo believes its team at Tamaba, 40 miles northwest of Riyadh, to be the nearest qualified vets in the region. "They have the experience and the veterinary equipment to help," says the spokesman. Meanwhile, the Kuwaitis are doing their best to help. After the ceasefire, locals offered their sheep to feed to the zoo's five remaining lions.

● *BBC employees were delighted yesterday at the reopening after half a century of the Langham Hilton Hotel. Before its bombing in 1940, the hotel, just a stone's throw from the corporation's Portland Place headquarters, had a special arrangement with the BBC to put up personnel working the early shift, who were awoken 20 minutes before they were due on air. On one occasion, a newsreader was found not to be alone. The hotel's management duly reported this to Lord Reith, who decreed he should never again be allowed to read the epilogue. Despite becoming one of the most famous names in broadcasting, he never did.*

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# KUWAIT'S POWER VACUUM

The Kuwaiti flag has been flying over Kuwait City since last Wednesday. Ordinary Kuwaitis are so desperate to get home, ignoring advice to wait until mines are cleared and services restored, that the Saudis have closed the frontier to all without official passes. This enthusiasm contrasts with the excessive caution displayed by the Emir of Kuwait, who was quick to declare martial law but has yet to set a firm date for his return. Into the power vacuum thus created have stepped gangs claiming to belong to the Kuwaiti resistance, well-armed with weapons left behind by Iraqi troops.

Martial law has officially been in force in Kuwait since last week, but Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, who is not only the crown prince and prime minister but the martial law administrator appointed by the emir, returned from Saudi Arabia only yesterday. The capital is rapidly degenerating into a state of lawlessness. An ugly hunt is on for collaborators, some of whom have been summarily executed and others abducted to unknown destinations and fates.

In view of the extreme savagery of the Iraqi occupation, culminating in mass executions, the abduction of Kuwaiti hostages and the torching of large swathes of the city, there is nothing surprising about such rough justice. All the more reason for Kuwait's government, which foresaw the likelihood of revenge killings and appealed last week for respect for law, to have moved swiftly to forestall mob rule.

The emir's continued absence from this turbulent scene becomes harder by the day to justify. Various reasons have been advanced in explanation – the uninhabitable state of the royal palaces, which were sacked and extensively mined; the emir's personal security, a legitimate concern in the hours after liberation; the inability of the government to function in Kuwait until essential communications were restored. None of these, above all the emir's personal comfort, should now rank as highly as his duty to lead his shaken people and devastated country back to normality. It is not as though his government had not had months to plan for this moment – for which soldiers of more than 20 nations risked their lives.

After this unedifying pause Sheikh Saad must restore the legal government's authority, beginning by disarming these bands and imposing proper discipline on Kuwait's armed forces, some units of which have behaved with as little restraint as the gangs they should be policing. Only the prompt restoration of civil peace will justify the emir's declaration of martial law.

Without civil peace, the government cannot redeem its all-important pledge that those accused of collaboration will be given a fair trial. Before the courts start functioning again, they could be dead. Kuwait's large Palestinian population is particularly at risk. Of the 400,000 resident when Iraq invaded last August, more than a third remained. Although many sided with the Kuwaitis, even joining the resistance, others – including pro-Iraqi Palestinians who arrived in the wake of the invasion – collaborated. All have been tarred in the eyes of Kuwaitis by the cynical support for Iraq's aggression offered by Yassir Arafat, head of the PLO.

The failure to contain mob rule reflects ill on the allied troops which liberated the city, but the reluctance of their commanders to intervene is understandable. For both linguistic and political reasons, Western forces should stay clear. But if Kuwait's own army is not up to the task of policing, Sheikh Saad should seek the help of Saudi, Egyptian and other Arab members of the alliance.

The emir must rapidly dispel suspicions that his real motive in declaring martial law was to silence opposition and delay the promised elections to Kuwait's national assembly under the 1962 Constitution. Other ministers have insisted that democracy will be restored within months but the explicit assurance of the emir, who suspended the assembly in 1986, is indispensable. The place to make that statement is at the head of his government, in Kuwait City, now.

# THE IRA'S PHANTOM ARMY

The right response to the IRA's recent resumption of a bombing campaign in Britain is "business as usual" with a measure of added caution. The response is right because it is the opposite of the reaction intended by the IRA. Those who complain that they are being asked to take extra risk with their lives and limbs should realise that this is the price of refusing to be bullied by murderers, of not being terrorised by terrorists. Since the risk is statistically infinitesimal, the response requires no great increase in courage.

London can take the occasional explosion in its stride, treating such symptoms of inherent urban anarchy as no more than an accident of life. What has lately proved more debilitating has been the spate of false bomb warnings, some possibly from the IRA itself but others from a fifth column of mischief-makers who unwittingly serve the IRA's purposes. Each real incident is usually accompanied by a wave of hoax warnings from people who have nothing to do with the IRA. On the morning of February 18, between the explosion at Paddington at 4.20 and the explosion at Victoria at 7.40, there were 19 threatening calls, 18 of them apparently hoaxes. On the previous Friday, with no formal IRA activity reported, 29 hoax calls of attacks on the London railway network were logged. The number was not untypical.

The plague of hoax calls has continued since. On one day the M25 was closed after a bomb scare, on another the new M40. London's large stores and offices seem to offer a tempting target and railway stations are still a favourite.

Most of the news media are not reporting hundreds of such alarms because a crime which is so manifestly imitative deserves no encouragement, even where the inconvenience of closed stations and chaotic journeys might normally merit coverage. Thanks to the ease with which hoax calls can be traced through the new digital telephone exchanges, callers now run a much greater risk of being caught than hitherto. But the maximum penalty available to magistrates is a mere three months' imprisonment. Justin Philips, the stipendiary magistrate at Camberwell Green court, could do no more than tell one hoaxer that the maximum sentence would henceforth be automatic.

This maximum is devoid of deterrent impact. It appears to express disapproval of a jape that backfires, not of a serious crime putting the public to huge and costly inconvenience and fear. Terrorism is a much misused word, but bomb-hoaxers are literally terrorists. By their activities they magnify the effect of a bombing campaign tenfold or even a hundredfold. They are part and parcel of that campaign. There should be an exemplary sentence on the statute book, and exemplary use made of it.

Meanwhile the scale of proliferation of hoax calls helps to answer one agonising question which faces anybody responsible for the safety of others when such a call arrives. The odds against it being genuine are, if not quantifiable, large enough to justify a sceptical view of the risk. Searches and a calm public warning are called for, but the clearance of everybody from the location is not necessarily so. There should be no basis for legal claims that failure to clear a public place or building, as a result of one probably bogus warning, would amount to contributory negligence if death or injury later occurs. The British public must take a robust view of terrorism, since that is the only way of countering it. These are risks everybody must share. A paranoid society is a vulnerable society.

# SCHOLARS IN GLASS CASES

How should scholarship be valued? Like beauty or clean air, its worth cannot be calculated in pounds or pence. But it has an incidental use: its findings can be communicated to others thirsty for knowledge. This symbiotic relationship between research and teaching exists not just in universities and museums but in other professions too. Doctors, journalists, schoolteachers are all given to part-time scholarship, validated through publication or in their day-to-day professional work.

None the less, yesterday's move by the government to identify the "practical competence of knowledge" amongst museum staff will send another wave of horror through curators and keepers who resent suggestions that their jobs are about more than pure scholarship.

A scholarly tradition is rightly a source of national pride. Britain has some of the best museums and universities in the world. The benefit of the scholarship contained therein may be intangible but the nation would be mean of spirit if it denied its existence. The difficulty is the eternal one of public finance: we know it is worth paying for, but worth how much?

Universities have to pay the community back by teaching students. Museums do so by protecting and displaying public collections and by educating their visitors. Over the past decade, both groups of institutions have become, reluctantly or not, more sensitive to this accountability. Universities now try to teach more students at a lower cost per head. Many museums have made their displays more attractive in order to entice more people to visit them, both to justify their subsidies and to earn money from admissions and sales.

The purists among curators argue that this change has lowered standards of scholarship. When the director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Elizabeth Estève-Coll, tried to split the roles of researching the museum's collection and conserving and displaying it, she was doused in academic opprobrium. Had she suggested burning the contents of her costume department in a bonfire outside Harrods, she could not have been accused of greater philistinism. Yet when other curators are asked to help make their collections more attractive to visitors, there is equal indignation.

There is no answer to such protests beyond that which museums themselves can supply. Directors, trustees and staff must resolve the balance of scholarship and enterprise, in museums as in universities or other learned professions. But museums will certainly jeopardise their public support if they turn in on themselves and ignore public accountability. They house the nation's best of everything: the biggest dinosaurs, the greatest Rembrandts, the finest collections of fossils. They are the physical embodiment of all manner of superlatives.

This is what makes museum-going the third most popular leisure activity in Britain, after reading and television. Bruno Bettelheim, the child psychologist, likened museum-visiting to "a semi-religious experience". Museums were there to inspire, "to give the child a feeling of awe for the wonders of the world". Who better to convey that awe than those who have devoted their lives to studying those wonders?

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## 'Heresy' or 'theological error': Dr Carey's retraction

*From the General Secretary of the British Evangelical Council*

Sir, Despite Dr George Carey's retraction of his use of the word "heresy" (report, February 28) about opposition to the ordination of women to the Anglican priesthood, a number of issues remain open to comment.

Perhaps it was too much to expect a 20th-century churchman to use the word "heresy" and mean it. The notion of an objective standard of doctrine from which any deviation can be considered "heresy" is unfashionable in our relativist age. It was not so in the days of the New Testament when the Apostle Paul insisted that if even he himself were to preach another gospel then he would be "accursed" (Galatians, 1:8).

Dr Carey had been under fire for saying that "the idea that only a male can represent Christ at the altar is a most serious heresy". He now speaks of it as "fundamental error . . . to insist upon maleness as an essential attribute of priesthood".

What his clarification still fails to reckon with is the wider issue of priesthood itself. Surely, the more fundamental question is whether anyone, either male or female, can today represent Christ at the altar (report, February 27)?

The "idea" that an altar should be retained at all in the church and that the one sacrifice of Christ must be re-presented by anyone representing him is repudiated by the New Testament epistle to the Hebrews. The Anglican 39 Articles, to which the new Archbishop of Canterbury is presumably committed, describe such ideas as "blasphemous fables and dangerous deceits".

"Heresy" is an emotive term which derives from a word used in the New Testament for "division". It remains hard to see how Dr Carey can avoid the debate which divided churches at the time of the Reformation. It is even harder to see how he can properly be described by the term widely used at the time of his appointment, that is "evangelical".

Yours faithfully,

ALAN F. GIBSON,
General Secretary,
British Evangelical Council,
113 Victoria Street,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
February 28.

*From Mrs Sylvia Disley*

Sir, I found it significant that on this Women's World Day of Prayer, with women giving sermons from pulpits all over the world, that *The Times* should think fit to publish several letters from men all against women's ordination. One of them, Mr Laurie Penzer (March 1), reconciles his opposition to women's ordination with the Lord's teaching.

We do, indeed, only have the Bible to go by, according to which we have to accept that only men attended the Last Supper, and therefore only men received the first sacrament, and only men received the instruction, "Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it".

By this token women should not receive the sacrament. If Mr Penzer declares that he would never attend a Holy Eucharist celebrated by a woman as it would be a "service totally without meaning", surely the same applies when he finds himself kneeling beside a woman who is also receiving the sacrament on equal terms with himself?

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.
March 1.

*From Mr David Ackerman*

Sir, I would never have thought it possible that in one sentence an Anglican bishop could tar millions of people, the Pope, and many of his fellow bishops with the brush of heresy. And, in this instance, it is more unbelievable because this damning statement came from a man who needs all the help he can get holding the state church together.

Sincerely,
DAVID ACKERMAN,
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30 Dunstan Avenue,
Chipping Norton,
Oxfordshire.
March 1.

*From the Chairman of Council of the Church Society*

Sir, I wish to express serious concern at Dr George Carey's unbiblical theology and language when he argues against the view that "a woman cannot represent Christ at the altar". In the New Testament doctrine of the Communion service no one (male or female) represents Christ at the holy table. Such a notion of representative priesthood is wholly inappropriate. The Church of England, in its historic formularies, makes it clear that the minister at the Lord's Supper is leading the people in a remembrance of Christ's death, not a sacrificial offering.

The biblical arguments against the ordination of women have nothing whatsoever to do with who presides at the Lord's table. The fact is that the presbyterate is a ruling, teaching office ("Let the elders that rule well be counted of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine", 1 Timothy 5:17; and "A bishop then must be blameless . . . , apt to teach", 1 Timothy 3:2) and God has given to the man, not to the woman, such a position of authority in the church ("But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence", 1 Timothy, 2:12).

It is extraordinary that Dr Carey uses Galatians 3:28 ("there is neither male nor female for ye are all one in Christ Jesus") as an argument in favour of women's ordination. What Paul is saying in that context is that, in the matter of salvation, the difference between the sexes is irrelevant. The verse has nothing to say about the respective roles and functions of men and women in the church.

Yours sincerely,
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February 28.

*From Mr A. R. F. Carter*

Sir, For evangelical Christians, within the Church of England and without, the idea that anyone, male or female, represents Christ at the altar is a most serious heresy.

Yours faithfully,
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February 27.

*From the Bishop of Thetford*

Sir, Questions over who can "represent Christ at the altar" seem to me more easily resolved by remembering that the Prayer Book refers to the priest also as "minister" (that is, servant), and that the word "altar" is not used in the Book of Common Prayer, the 39 Articles of Religion, the Canons of the Church of England or the *Alternative Service Book* (1980).

Our formularies speak instead of the holy table, the communion table, or the table of the Lord. This careful use of language says much about the nature both of ministry and of the sacrament of Holy Communion in a reformed church.

Yours etc.,
TIMOTHY THETFORD,
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Bramerton,
Norwich,
Norfolk.
February 27.

*From Mr Rex Collings*

Sir, Would it not be appropriate for the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury to seek from the archbishop-designate amplification of his theological beliefs, *before* electing him? Cranmer after all recanted twice.

Dr Carey has perhaps forgotten that to change from being a "serious heretic" to being merely in "theological error" does affect one's hope of eternal salvation.

Yours faithfully,
REX COLLINGS,
31 Platts Lane, NW3.
March 1.

*From Prebendary Michael Moreton*

Sir, Has Dr Carey's retraction changed anything? What is heresy but theological error? And is he convicting the whole Catholic Church in East and West of theological error in admitting only men to Holy Order? The last incumbent in the see of St Augustine seems to have argued (for instance, in a letter to Cardinal Willebrands of December 18, 1985) that the admission of women to Holy Order was but a development of Catholic tradition. Dr Carey's position appears to be fundamentally different from this, and the implications of his attack on tradition are extremely disturbing.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MORETON,
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10 Victoria Park Road, Exeter, Devon.
February 28.

*From Mr Peter Wood*

Sir, Clifford Longley (March 2) argues with apparent reasonableness that "heresy" in Dr George Carey's ordination use of the term in relation to the issue of women's ordination consists in "the stressing of one side of a two-sided truth". However, he claims Dr Carey's clumsy use of the term will have made many Anglicans who are opposed to women's ordination feel "unchurched".

This may be true, but it is no less true that because the ordination issue is one of fine balance and theological judgment, rather than demonstrable truth or error, those who moderately and reasonably support women's ordination will likewise feel great dismay at Dr Carey's brain-handed "common man" approach.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WOOD,
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Duntisbourne Abbots,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
March 2.

*From Mr P. C. Thompson*

Sir, So it has come to this: that the Archbishop of Canterbury-elect does not know the meaning of the word "heresy".

Yours faithfully,
P. C. THOMPSON,
16 Edgar Street, Worcester
February 27.

## A bleak future for blind tuners

*From the Principal of the Royal National College for the Blind*

Sir, Blind piano tuners can be, and often are, the finest in the world. It is distressing therefore that despite the additional £120 million of employment-training money which was announced on Tuesday (report, February 27), the Department of Employment's plans for ET are likely to see an end of training in piano technology for mature students (who make up half the number currently on our college course of 30).

By devolving all employment-training money to local training and enterprise councils the department has ensured that cost rather than effectiveness must become the criterion.

The evidence I have collected from existing TECs suggests that no TEC is going to pay out £12,000 per annum for three years for one individual, not even for a long-term unemployed severely disabled person. This inevitable charge is prohibitive compared with the TECs' normal per capita cost.

This successful programme and many others leading to open employment could be saved if the department were to continue to provide central funding for the specialist retraining of severely sensorily-disabled people. Redistributing the contents of this particular pocket would place a disproportionate – and unpredictable – burden on individual TECs.

Yours sincerely,
LANCE MARSHALL, Principal,
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February 28.

## Lesbian parents

*From Ms Barbara Honey*

Sir, Nicholas Rea's assertion (article, February 25), that "a well-adjusted, properly motivated lesbian couple could make an excellent home for children", contains a fundamental flaw, which is that it is based on his experience of lesbian parents from the age of nine, by which time most of the important emotional/personality development of a person has already taken place.

Much research, and my own experience as a counsellor with Relate and with a schools' psychological service, indicates to me that many important facets of psychological development occur before the ages of six or seven. This learning includes the complex interaction between mother, father and child which results in awareness of sexuality and gender and a model, however poor, of a heterosexual relationship.

Clearly if both parents are of the same sex, and the child is aged between 0 and seven, he/she will gain a different kind of awareness, which may result in a difficulty of forming heterosexual relationships later in life.

This is particularly important for children who are to be adopted or fostered, who may have suffered rejection, neglect, abuse or other forms of inadequate parenting, and who may be very much in need of a "normal" family environment in which they can have more chance of healthy emotional development.

Yes, of course a "lesbian couple could make an excellent home for children", but, please, not until they know who and what they are.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA HONEY,
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Luddendenfoot, Halifax,
West Yorkshire.
February 26.

## Child support needs

*From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)*

Sir, It is crucial to see the Child Support Bill (letter, February 25) as only the first stage in reforming maintenance payments.

The proposal to establish a Child Support Agency, which will have the job of collecting maintenance, should be radically extended. In return for agreeing to the government's proposal, mothers should be guaranteed that these maintenance payments be regularly paid to them irrespective of whether the agency is successful in gaining the money from the absent fathers.

In this way mothers would be guaranteed a regular income and for many this, together with child benefit, would enable them to consider working once the children were at school.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.
February 25.

## The eyes have it

*From Mr John E. Brown*

Sir, Charles Bremner in New York reports (February 26) that when police turned out in strength prepared for a "big march outside the UN" by peace protesters, only "four bespectacled activists turned up".

Can it be that spectacles, which I have worn for 60 years, have some social or political or moral significance which has so far escaped me?

Sincerely,
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Winscombe, Avon.

## Baltic independence

*From Mr John C. Nattrass*

Sir, It is with a sense of great outrage that we have been confronted with the enormous suffering and damage caused by the brutal Iraqi attempt to extinguish the existence of Kuwait. Estonia and Latvia voted yesterday in referendums (declared illegal by the Soviet authorities) on their independence, and it seems appropriate to consider what happened in Estonia and its Baltic neighbour states 50 years ago, when their independence was extinguished by the cynical co-operation of Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union and the western democracies were in no position to do anything about it.

The deportations and cruelties exacted by the Soviet Union at that time bear comparison with recent events in Kuwait. The considerable demographic changes imposed in the Baltic states since 1940 speak for themselves.

The United Kingdom has rightly never recognised the Soviet annexation of the Baltic republics but sadly, throughout the cold war years, has refrained from reminding the world of this to the point where these countries were nearly forgotten. Should not the Foreign Office take a more robust stance in this matter, particularly in the light of today's results of the referendums?

If the Soviet Union is to be forgiven for the crimes inflicted by Stalin on these tragic countries it should at the very least belatedly restore their full independence. Some diplomatic activity in this direction by the UK government in co-operation with our partners in Western Europe would be welcome. I noticed in your columns (report, February 12) that at least Iceland has had the courage to recognise the government of President Landsbergis of Lithuania.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN C. NATTRASS,
29 Ollerbarrow Road,
Hale, Altrincham,
Cheshire.
March 4.

## Badminton Cabinet

*From the President of the British Antique Dealers' Association*

Sir, You report (Arts, February 26) that the Badminton Cabinet will be exported next month unless an £8.7 million appeal is successful. It is, as the director of the Fitzwilliam Museum unequivocally states, "unthinkable that any self-respecting nation would be prepared to let such a masterpiece go".

It is, of course, regrettable that the Duke of Beaufort's offer to the Victoria & Albert Museum to acquire the cabinet in 1989 "for £4 million payable over three years" was confidential and exclusive and that it was therefore not formally put forward through the Museums and Galleries Commission to the Fitzwilliam and, indeed, other museums throughout the United Kingdom.

My council has made an unprecedented request to our members for financial support for the Fitzwilliam's appeal. The response has already yielded £15,000.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND O'SHEA, President,
The British Antique Dealers'
Association,
20 Rutland Gate, SW7.

*From Sir Brinsley Ford*

Sir, It is understandable that in a time of war the government cannot contemplate purchasing a great work of art. It was during the 1939-45 war that, in spite of all the efforts of the late Lord Crawford and Lord Clark, we lost one of the country's greatest treasures – Van Eyck's "Three Maries at the Sepulchre" from the Cook collection, which was sold to Holland.

Now that Saddam Hussein's defeat is assured may I plead that the government should celebrate the victory by putting up before March 17 the admittedly large sum that is required to save the Badminton Cabinet for the nation.

The National Art-Collections Fund has taken on the appeal to save this inestimable treasure for the Fitzwilliam Museum – the last such appeal that the fund has sponsored since its successful bid to secure the Leonardo Cartoon in 1962. In my view the cabinet is by far the most important decorative work of art threatened with export since the NACF was founded in 1903.

Yours faithfully,
BRINSLEY FORD,
14 Wyndham Place,
Bryanston Square, W1.
February 27.

*From Mr William G. M. Agnew*

Sir, Simon Jervis, director of the Fitzwilliam, is to be congratulated for his attempt to stop the export of the Badminton Cabinet. Would his task not be considerably easier if we operated a national lottery like the Germans?

There, each *Land* shares in the lottery proceeds and has the power to allocate funds to any deserving case. Indeed the Badisches Landesmuseum in Karlsruhe, assisted by the Toto-Lotto Fund, purchased a pietra-dura plaque from the same Florentine workshop as the Badminton Cabinet.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM AGNEW,
Agnew's,
43 Old Bond Street, W1.
February 27.

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# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 4: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The Duchess of Kent for Canada and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Princess Royal today visited Greater Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness visited ICI Specialities Business Headquarters and re-opened their Research Laboratories.

The Princess Royal then visited Manchester Cathedral to view Salford Phoenix Initiative "Northern Gateway" Project Exhibition and afterwards attended a luncheon at Chethams School of Music.

This afternoon The Princess Royal visited Withington Girls' School and Stockport Institute for the blind, deaf and dumb and opened their new extension.

This evening Her Royal Highness attended the World Master Chefs Society's Gala Dinner at Claridge's and was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor David Avery).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 4: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Gala Performance of *Miss Saigon* at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, given in aid of the Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund.

The Lady Margaret Colville and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 4: The Prince of Wales visited RAF Waddington, Lincoln, to meet RAF servicemen, the families of those serving in the Gulf and United States Air Force medical and support personnel at the Emergency hospital facility at the base.

Commander Alistair Watson, RN was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, received Mr John Young (Chair) and Mrs Elizabeth Wincott (Chief Executive) of the British Deaf Association at Kensington Palace, W8.

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## Birthdays today

Lady Elizabeth Basset, Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, 83; Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, 63; the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, 64; Professor C.P. Fitzgerald, historian, 89; Earl Grey, 52; Mr Anthony Hedges, composer, 60; Archbishop Bruno Heim, former Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, 80; Mr R.A.E. Herbert, president, Royal Horticultural Society, 57; Mr Richard Hickox, conductor, 43; Mrs Ann Longley, headmistress, Roedean School, 49; Miss Elspeth March, actress, 80; Lord Marshall of Goring, 59; Sir Derek Mitchell, civil servant, 69; Miss Elaine Paige, singer, 39; Sir Jack Rumbold, former president, Industrial Tribunals, 71; Mr Barry Tuckwell, horn soloist and conductor, 60; Mr Des Wilson, former co-chairman, Campaign for Freedom of Information, 50.

## Today's royal engagements

The Queen hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duchess of York, Patron of MacIntyre, will visit MacIntyre Flackwell Heath, The Cherries, Heath End Road, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, at 10.00; and will attend the consumer launch of "Focus for Need" at the Rock Circus, Piccadilly, at 11.45.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will visit the Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Lane, Hatfield, at 10.30; as Patron of the Dunn Nutrition Centre, will visit the centre at Downhams Lane, Cambridge, at 2.15; and will address the Union Society at Cambridge University at 6.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception given by the London Association for the Blind at St James's Palace at 6.40 to mark the launch of the development programme and the new name of the association - "Action for Blind People".

## Memorial service

**Professor Sir William Weipers**

A memorial service for Professor Sir William Weipers was held yesterday in the Chapel of Glasgow University. The Rev Colin Anderson, chaplain, officiated.

Mgr Michael Conway, Roman Catholic chaplain, Professor J. Armour, a vice-principal, and Mr John Roberts read the lessons. Sir James Black gave an address. Sir William Fraser, Principal of Glasgow University, was present.

## Luncheons

**Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association**

The German Ambassador was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain held yesterday at the Foreign Press Association. Mr Robert Mauthner, president, presided.

**Southern Africa Association**

Mr David Howell, MP, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons, was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon of the Southern Africa Association held yesterday at the Charing Cross Hotel. Mr P.D.O. Liddell, chairman, received the guests.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J.E. Brown**
**and Miss M.E.R. O'Connell**
The engagement is announced between John Brown, of Renfrew, and Martha O'Connell, of Shaldon.

**Mr N.H. Compton**
**and Miss R. Nadao**
The engagement is announced between Nick, elder son of Mr and Mrs Simon Compton, of Little Baddow, Essex, and Rie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Nadao, of Nagasaki, Japan.

**Mr J.E. Farquhar**
**and Miss V.J. Clinton**
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Peter Farquhar, of Chiswick, London, and Mrs Jonathan Pearson, of Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire, and Victoria, daughter of the late Mr Michael Clinton and of Mrs Michael Clinton, of Sedgehill, near Shaftesbury, Dorset.

**Mr J.R.A. Judd**
**and Miss C.M. Daly**
The engagement is announced between Jasper Rayner Augusto, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Judd, of Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Caroline Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dermot Daly, of Willington, Tarporley, Cheshire.

## Dinners

**United and Cecil Club**

Lord Waddington, QC, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held last night in the House of Commons. Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, vice-chairman, was the host and Sir Marcus Fox, chairman, presided. Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, also spoke.

**Rank Prize Funds**

Sir John Davis, Chairman of the Trustees of The Rank Prize Funds, presided at a dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons of England on February 28, to honour the recipients of the Rank Prizes in Opto-Electronics and Nutrition, following presentations by the Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, OM, FRS, MP. Prizewinners present were:

Dr H.R Herren, Professor G K Radda, Dr T J N Carter, Professor W A Gambling, Mrs C J Croucher, Dr A Hasegawa, Professor D J Wrieden, Dr L F Mollenhauer, Dr D N Payne, Dr R A W Stott, Dr G H G Thorpe, Professor T P Whitehead and their ladies.

Also present were:

Sir Terrence and Lady English, Mr and Mrs D L Evans, Professor and Mrs M Rosen, Lady Davis, Miss J Barnes, Professor J M Brady, Mr and Mrs H Cowen, Miss E K Crosse, Dr and Mrs J Edelman, Dr and Mrs C T Elliott, Professor C Hilsum, Sir Alec and Lady Jarratt, Mr G J B Langdale, Dr R A Lee, Professor and Mrs R Loudon, Professor and Mrs I Macdonald, Professor and Mrs J E Midwinter, Sir Philip and Lady Randle, Mr Joseph and the Hon Mrs Motro Rank, Sir Ralph Ribby, Lord and Lady Shelborne, Professor and Mrs I A Shanks, Miss J Tomlinson, Sir Richard and Lady Trehane, Mr J A Wheeler, and Dr and Mrs R G Whitehead.

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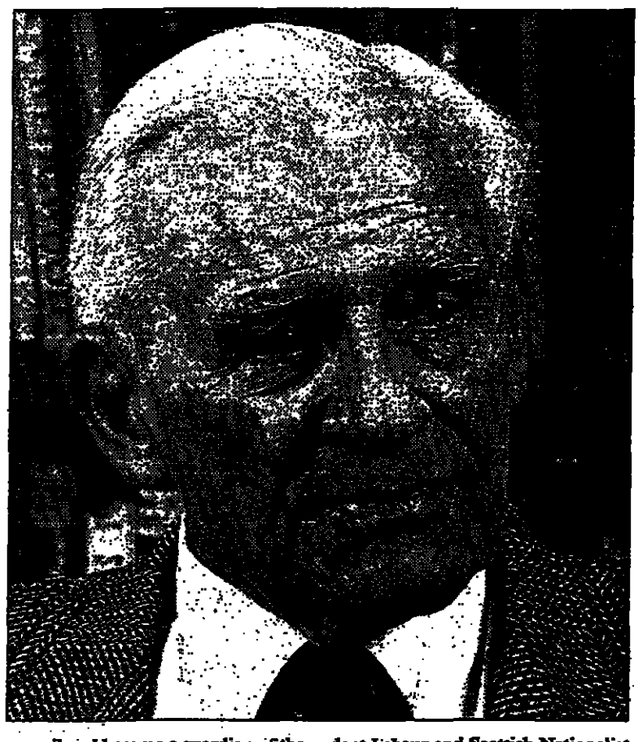
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# OBITUARIES

# KENNETH LINDSAY

*Mr Kenneth Lindsay, formerly MP for Kilmarnock Burghs from 1933 to 1945 and for Combined English Universities from 1945 to 1950, died yesterday aged 93. He was born on September 16, 1897.*



ONE of the last survivors of the Baldwin government of 1935-37, Kenneth Lindsay was a junior minister of independent mind who left his mark on educational theory and practice and was an early and consistent advocate of European union. He had served as a National Labour MP for Kilmarnock for ten years from 1933, redesignating himself a National Independent in 1943 for the two years remaining until the general election of 1945. For the rest of his career he sat as an Independent for the Combined English Universities.

Kenneth Martin Lindsay was born at Forest Hill, south London, the son of a Stock Exchange clerk, George Michael Lindsay. He attended St Olave's Grammar School, Tooley Street, close to the south side of Tower Bridge. From school he went in 1916 straight into the Honourable Artillery Company and was wounded at the third battle of Ypres when his battery received a direct hit. Recovering from his wound at Harfleur he started an arts club which was visited by Sybil Thorndike.

After his war service he had a distinguished and versatile career at Worcester College, Oxford. He gained his Blue for association football, playing in the forward line in the University match of 1921 when Oxford beat Cambridge by 3 goals to 0. He played cricket for the Authentics, and he was elected to Vincent's. With F. J. Lassen he founded the Oxford University Labour Club in 1919, and became its second chairman after Lassen. He was president of the Union in 1922-23, the first Labour president to be elected, and he led the first debating team to the American universities. Yet he found time to take a creditable second in modern history in 1922. Years later he reflected that the postwar period at the university was "the most exciting time at Oxford since Erasmus."

On coming down he engaged in social work in the East End of London. He was a Barnett research fellow at Toynbee Hall from 1923 to 1926, was elected to Stepney borough council and became a guardian of the poor. He moved to government service in 1929 as director of Voluntary Migration Societies at the Dominions Office, but left that post in 1931 to become the first general secretary of the newly formed research organisation, Political and Economic Planning.

But all this time his eyes were set on a political career. He had been at the bottom of the poll in the famous Oxford by-election of 1924 and unsuccessfully contested Harrow in the general election of that year and Worcester in 1929. When Ramsay MacDonald formed the national government in 1931 he was one of the few Labour candidates who followed the prime minister. It was an agonising decision for him, as for others, to take. As a National Labour candidate he retained Kilmarnock Burghs for the government against Labour, Independent Labour and Scottish Nationalist candidates when a by-election occurred in 1933, and he won quick promotion as Civil Lord of the Admiralty in 1935, but the National Labour label became an increasing liability and in the end his undoing.

He held his seat in the general election of 1935 and in 1936 led a delegation from the Empire Parliamentary Association to Australia. In 1937 he was made Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education. It was a post congenial to his talents and it gave him an abiding interest. His speeches, both in the House of Commons and in the country, had point and he gave concrete expression to his ideals in the code of practice known as the Service of Youth, of which he was the effective founder. In a book, *English Education*, published in 1947, he asserted that education had a dual purpose: first, to provide "miniature communities, symbolic of a better organised state and centres of resistance to the vulgar commercialism of the day", and second, to prepare young people for "the dignity of self-support."

When Churchill formed his Coalition government in 1940 Lindsay had to relinquish his post in favour of Chuter Ede, and so his contribution to the great Education Act of 1944 had to be made from the back benches. The National Labour party had by then dwindled to four or five members in Parliament and in 1943 Lindsay resigned from the organisation and stated that he wished in future to be known as an independent supporter of the national government.

At the general election of 1945 he stood as an Independent for the Combined English Universities and was elected along with Eleanor Rathbone. When university representation was abolished in 1950 his parliamentary career was extinguished. He was an example of the independent cast of mind that the university seats encouraged, and though his slightly pedantic manner would have prevented him from rising to great parliamentary heights, he was a loss to the House of Commons.

Henceforth Lindsay was in the political wilderness. When the Oxford University Labour Club celebrated its jubilee in 1973 (four years late) he, its co-founder, was not invited; and when in 1959 he had let it be known that he had offered his services to the Conservatives, no trumpets were sounded or brickbats thrown in Smith Square.

But in those years he found a new cause in European union. In 1958 he wrote a book about the Council of Europe and the Consultative Assembly entitled *Towards a European Parliament*. This led the Ford Foundation to sponsor a conference at The Hague with Lindsay as director, and this in turn produced another book from his pen, *European Assemblies*. He was a keen supporter of the College of Europe at Bruges, in which his educational and European ideals alike found expression.

Lindsay was frequently to be seen at the Athenaeum, of which he was a member of long standing. He never married.

# KATHARINE BLAKE

*Katharine Blake, actress and writer for television, died in London on March 1 aged 62. She was born in Johannesburg on April 4, 1928.*



KATHARINE Blake had a stage career first in rep and then in the West End and on tour in America. But it is largely for her television work that she is remembered. She brought a restless, raven-haired presence to the small screen in a number of television dramas and series over the years and had also, under the name of Ursula Gray, done some notable adaptations for the BBC.

Born in South Africa of an Irish mother and an English father, she first came to Britain at the age of 11 on a visit. But war broke out almost immediately and instead of returning to South Africa she went to live with an aunt near Perth, attending a convent school there. As a child she had a pronounced stammer (which she always attributed to her having been forced, though left handed, to write with her right hand) and the stage seemed the least likely career for her. At that period of her life, she recalled, she visualised herself as a nun, until the reverend mother at the convent perceived that her reasons for wanting to be a nun were largely theatrical.

At 16 she started as an assistant stage manager at Perth Repertory Theatre before going on stage in her first small parts, generally as an ingénue. Later she moved south to Amersham and Windsor repertory companies before making her West End debut in *A Man About the House* with Flora Robson and Basil Sydney. Her next role was Iras in *Antony and Cleopatra*, with Edith Evans playing Cleopatra. In 1948 she also appeared in one of BBC television's most ambitious productions of the early post-war years when she took the role of Cathy opposite Kieron Moore's Heathcliff in an Alexandra Palace production of *Wuthering Heights* which brought her a good deal of notice.

In 1952 she went to America with the Laurence Olivier-Vivien Leigh company which took *Antony and Cleopatra* and *Caesar and Cleopatra* to Broadway with such success. She understudied Vivien Leigh as Cleopatra and at the same time played Charmian. She decided to stay in North America where she made a considerable career for herself on the stage and in Canadian television working with a brilliant young group which included the writer Arthur Haley and the producer Sydney Newman. In three successive years: 1957, 1958 and 1959, she won the award for best television actress in Canada. After two marriages which ended in divorce she met her third husband, Charles Jarrott, then a little-known Toronto actor, but later to become one of Canada's top directors.

When Sydney Newman was invited to London in 1959 to make the *Armchair Theatre* series for ABC, Jarrott and Katharine Blake soon followed and she immediately established herself in Britain in the new series, in many of the plays for which she was directed by her husband. For the next ten years she was seen in a wide variety of drama on both ITV and BBC where she appeared in several *Play for Today* productions. In 1964 she won the TV actress of the year award in Britain for her performance in the adaptation of Tennessee Williams's *The Rose Tattoo*. In this period she also appeared in a few films, notably *Anne of the Thousand Days* (1960) which starred Richard Burton and Geneviève Bujold and which Jarrott directed.

Katharine Blake was also interested in authorship and adaptation herself. In collaboration she wrote *To Blow My Name About*, a television play based on the life of the poet Chatterton, and, under the name of Ursula Gray, did some distinguished adaptations, notably of Brecht's *Galileo*, Athold Fugard's *The Blood Knot* and Brigid Brophy's *The Snow Ball* in which she also played the leading role.

Tragedy struck her in the late 1970s when she was established in the role of Helen Foster, the prison governer in the television series *Within These Walls*. She fought a spine condition with great courage, attempting to return to work after surgery and appearing in some further productions. But more operations were necessary and she had to give up her career.

Her marriage to Jarrott ended in divorce and she is survived by two daughters of previous marriages.

# BISHOP JOSEPH CLEARY

*The Right Rev Joseph Cleary, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham (RC) from 1965 to 1987 died on February 25 aged 78. He was born on September 4, 1912.*

BISHOP Joseph Cleary was highly regarded not merely for years of efficient administration in the archdiocese of Birmingham, but also for the place he held in the trust and affection of its priests. This was due as much to his having served for over 40 years as a parish priest in Wolverhampton, as to his having been the archbishop's secretary and chancellor for 10 years.

Born in Dublin, he at first applied to the local archdiocese for acceptance as a candidate for the priesthood but was rejected due to a severe speech impediment. Subsequently accepted by Birmingham he studied at Oscott where he was ordained priest shortly before the second world war. After serving two years at St Chad's Cathedral, he was appointed secretary to the ailing Archbishop Williams who, having at first mistaken the speech defect for hesitant incompetence, soon came to appreciate the young Irish priest's talents and generous character.

Under the next archbishop, Joseph Masterson, Cleary blossomed during perhaps the happiest years of his life. Not noted for his letter-writing, Masterson, left the correspondence to Cleary. In 1951 Cleary was appointed to the parish of St Mary and St John,



Snow Hill, Wolverhampton, where he was to remain until his death. There he mastered his speech impediment, preaching with great facility and effect.

In 1963 he was appointed diocesan treasurer by Archbishop Grimshaw, Masterton's successor, and after two years was consecrated auxiliary bishop. When Grimshaw died two months later and Cleary administered the archdiocese for nine months until George Patrick Dwyer was appointed archbishop. In the local growing pains when Archbishop Dwyer engaged in what he described later as "having to muck people about," Bishop Cleary came into his own as the guide and mentor of the clergy. He also served as a valued adviser to Archbishop Dwyer in the delicate matter of Irish affairs.

After retiring as auxiliary bishop, he continued to work in his parish. His heart was still in pastoral work. On one occasion he excused his absence from a meeting of the National Conference of Priests by explaining that it was his curate's day off.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry II, 1154-89, Le Mans, 1133; Gerhardus Mercator, cartographer, Rupelmonde, Belgium, 1512; Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, explorer, founder of the city of Detroit, Les Laumets, France, 1658; Giovanni Tiepolo, painter, Venice, 1696; Sir Austen Layard, archaeologist, excavator of Nineveh, Paris, 1817; Sir Charles Thomson, naturalist, Bonsyde, Lothian, 1830; Frank Norris, novelist, Chicago, 1870; William Henry Beveridge, 1st Baron Beveridge, economist, Rangpur, India, 1879.

DEATHS: Antonio Corregio, painter, Corregio, Italy, 1534; Thomas Arne, composer, London, 1778; Flora Macdonald, Jacobite, Skye, 1790; Franz Mesmer, physician, pioneer of hypnotism, Miersburg, Austria, 1815; Alessandro Volta, physicist, Como, 1827; Sir Henry Rawlinson, orientalist, London, 1895; Edgar Lee Masters, poet and novelist, Philadelphia, 1950; Sergei Prokofiev, composer, Moscow, 1953; Joseph Stalin, Moscow, 1953; Anna Akhmatova, poet, Leningrad, 1966; Muhammad Moussadek, prime minister of Iran 1951-1953, Tehran, 1967.

## Service dinners

**Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth**

The BRNC Dartmouth term entry of September 1959 held a reunion dinner at the college on Saturday. Captain J.R. Shiffner, Captain of the College and a member of the term, presided. Forty of the original 70 attended and a toast was proposed to those unable to be present, in particular Commodore C.J.S Craig, currently Senior Naval Officer, Middle East.

**RAF Club Dining Society**

Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin was the guest speaker at a dinner of the RAF Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Wing Commander Bill Beaumont presided and Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, president, also spoke.

## Appointments

Chief Superintendent Walter Enss to be Chief Officer of the Royal Parks Constabulary. He succeeds Chief Superintendent Peter Gilbert, who is retiring.

Mr Jonathan Sayeed, MP, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Paymaster General and Deputy to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Lord Belstead.

Mr John Greenway, MP, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to Baroness Trumpington, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in succession to Mr James Paice.

# Church news

The Rev Canon Roger Job, Precentor of Winchester Cathedral, to be also Vice-Dean of Winchester Cathedral (Winchester).

Other appointments

The Rev John C Abdy, Vicar, St Peter's, Tattenhall w Bruera (diocese of Chester) to be Vicar, Congresbury and Cheddar (diocese of Bath and Wells).

The R.J.M Paul Andrew, Priest-in-Charge, St Clement of Rome, Ordsall (Manchester) to be Priest-in-Charge, St John the Evangelist, Hazelwood (Ripon).

The Rev David P Burrell: to be Priest-in-Charge, Hanging w Wetherden (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich).

The Rev Stephen Corbett, Assistant Curate, St Mary w Emmanuel, Congleton: to be Vicar, St Gilbert, Gun Hill, Wood Green (London).

The Rev Edwin A Crotton, Vicar, St Mary w Charles Church and Holy Apostles, Scarborough: to be also Rural Dean of Scarborough (York).

The Rev John Dale, Vicar, St Paul, Lesbourne, and Rural Dean of Wallasey: to be Vicar, St Luke, Church Hulme (Chester).

The Rev Mark Farr, Curate, Holy Trinity, Clapham: to be Vicar, with particular responsibility for St Mark's Church, Battersea Rise (Southwark), and with shared responsibility for St John's, in the Wimbledon team (Southwark).

The Rev James Foster, Curate, Aldborough and Boroughbridge and Specialist: to be Priest-in-Charge, Worsley-on-the-Moor and Consult w Norton-le-Clay and Skelton-cum-Newby (Ripon).

The Rev Peter Green, Team Vicar, Christ Church, Stanwanbury and Wilton (Oxford): to be Deputy Chaplain at HM Prison, Belmarsh (Southwark).

The Rev Dr Anne M Harley, Parish Deacon, St John, Isleworth (London): to be Chaplain's Assistant, St Thomas' Hospital, London (Southwark).

The Rev James M Innes, Priest-in-Charge, Brereton St Oswald and Sweetenham St Peter: to be Rector, Brereton St Oswald and Sweetenham St Peter (Chester).

The Rev Arthur Kennedy, Curate, Tadley w Pamber Heath (Winchester): to be Rector, Farmborough, Marksbury w Stanton Prior (Bath and Wells).

The Ven Clifford Lacey: to be Bishop's Officer for Retired Clergy and Widows (Norwich).

The Rev Ian R Lewis, Team Vicar, designate and Priest-in-Charge, St Paul, Walton, in the parish of Stoke Mogna (Wakefield): to be Vicar, St Bartholomew's, Bath (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Graham J Marcer, Priest-in-Charge, St John, Moordown, Bournemouth (Winchester): to be Assistant Curate, St Cecilia, Parson Cross (Sheffield).

The Rev Charles W Painsham, permission to officiate, Marlborough (Salisbury): to be acting Priest-in-Charge, West Woodhay-Inkpen group (Oxford).

The Rev Michael R Metcalf, Diocesan Director of Education (Lichfield): to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral (Prebend of Dassel Parva).

The Rev Canon Gerald N Pearce: to be Diocesan Clergy Retirements and Clergy Widows Officer, with responsibility for the archdeaconry of East Riding (York), and with permission to officiate in the diocese.

The Rev John C Rose, Assistant Curate, Wakefield St Andrew and St Mary (St Swithuin) (Winchester): to be Rector, Great Whelnetham and Little Whelnetham w Bradfield St George (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich).

The Rev Wendy E Sharman, Non-stipendiary minister, Hampton w Manuden: to be also part-time personal assistant to the Diocesan Officer for Evangelism (Chelmsford).

The Rev David H Smalman, Vicar, Ashbourne w Mapleton and Parwich: Ashbourne St John: to be also Rural Dean of Ashbourne (Derby).

The Rev Christopher Smith, Team Rector, Walton, St Mary (Liverpool): to be Canon Residentiary at Sheffield Cathedral (Sheffield).

The Rev Roger E Smith, Vicar, Frostenden, Mendham, Metfield and Weybread and Withersdale, and Rural Dean of Homes (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich).

The Rev Stephen Sowerby, Parish Deacon, Kingston upon Hull, St Nicholas: to be Parish Deacon, Kingston upon Hull, St Aidan, Southcoates (York).

The Rev Peter J Wyatt, Vicar, Codnor: to be Chaplain to the Deaf (Derby).

The Rev Raymond P Yates, Assistant Curate, St Mary w St Paul, Bootle (Liverpool): to be Assistant Curate in the Draycott team, with special responsibility for St John's, Draycott (York).

Resignations and retirements

The Right Rev Timothy Dudley-Smith, Bishop Suffragan of Thetford (Norwich) is to retire as from January 1, 1992.

The Ven Donald J Smith, Archdeacon of Sudbury (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) is to retire as from October 31.

The Rev David Ashburner, Vicar, Ullington w Woolstone and Basildon, Priest-in-Charge, Shellingford (Oxford): to retire as from Easter.

The Rev Ronald Chivers, Vicar, Woodlesford, Leeds (Ripon): retired as from 31 January.

The Rev Harold W Everest, Vicar, Thurgy (Sheffield): to retire as from 30 September.

The Rev Prab John K Linford, Team Rector, Consett team (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-Charge, Shelfanger (Oxford): to retire as from 20 April. He remains a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral until 1996, when he will be appointed Prebendary Emeritus.

The Rev Dennis Morrison, Vicar, St Jude, East Brixton (Southwark): to be Missionary in Sri Lanka.

The Rev Peter Orr, T. Rentell, Vicar, Dentone and Elsetone, and Rural Dean of Gloucester (Lichfield): retired as from 31 January.

The Rev. Andrew H Smith, Vicar, Eccles (Sheffield): to retire as from June 1991.

The Rev Conrad R Sargisson, Vicar, Mylor w Flushing (Truro): to retire as from 31 May.

Withdrawal of acceptance

The Rev Dr Alan Billings has withdrawn his acceptance of the appointment of Principal of North East Ordination Course.

## Westminster School

**Sixth Form Entrance**

The following have been awarded Scholarships or Awards:

Lisette Aguilar (Brighton and Hove HS) funded by the Emmott Foundation; Sarah Armstrong-Price (Malvern Girls' College) funded by the Royce Foundation; Zoltan Bacso (Pulsey) HS for Girls); Yoon-Joo Lee (Wimbledon HS); Katie Purcell (Cheryse Abbot School, Guildford) funded by the Bernard Sunley Foundation; Emily Saunders (Loreto Convent GS, Altrincham); Laura Visovich (Colonia Convent, Cruyssen).

Music Scholarships and Awards have been won by Henry Colegs (Westminster Abbey Choir School), Nicholas Hagen (Dulwich College Preparatory School), Alexander Evans (Westminster Under School), Hancock Stevenson (Westminster Cathedral Choir School), Timothy Chette (North Bridge House School), Daniel Jewel (Arnold House).

Grand Metropolitan Classical Exhibitions have been won by Giles Allison, Abigail Chapman, Ilan Gechovitch, Martha Lane-Fox, Simon Harwood-Lewitt, Matthew Robinson, Jonathan Ross.

## Appointments in the Forces

**Royal Navy**

CAPTAIN: R G Evans – MOD London 15.5.91.

COMMANDER: M J Stroudmast – MTU Gosport 6.9.91; R Burston – Patient in Cmd 12.4.91; S R Eastley – MOD London 23.8.91; C Hand – Nup 1032 22.5.91; N D Latham – Brilliant 30.8.91; A N Law – NS Oberammergau 20.9.91; G A McCready – Sceptre in Cmd 30.7.91; A Marsden – Staff of FOSNI 16.7.91; J A Prescott – Nelson 30.4.91; G B Tuffley – MOD London in rank of Captain 18.3.91; T S Winch – MOD Portland in rank of Captain 18.3.91; P C Wyeham-Martin – Staff of CINCNAVHOME 28.6.91.

Retirements

COMMANDER: C R Clifford – 20.4.91; M S Gorton – 21.4.91.

**The Army**

COLONELS: D E Smith – To be Royal Hong Kong Regt, 6.3.91; P B Page – to MOD, 6.3.91.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: J M Cockram RAEC – To ARELC 4.3.91; S Jermyn RAOC – To RAOC MARO, 4.3.91; T W R Lee RAPC – To be Cmnd FIN HQ W DIST/2 ARMD, 4.3.91; M A Lloyd RWF – To be CO 4 RRW, 4.3.91; R A Mount REME – To Malcolm Mitchell Barracks, 4.3.91; J A Pettifer R SIGNALS – To 8 Sig Regt, 4.3.91; J K R Porter RRF – To be CO 6 RRF, 6.3.91; G Powell R SIGNALS – To 30 Sig Regt, 4.3.91; C Price GORDONS – To JSDC, 4.3.91; K A Price RA – To RMCS Shrivenham, 4.3.91; R A Rose CHESHIRE – To be CO 1 CHESHIRE, 4.3.91; F R Thomas RAOC – To HQ ATT Nigeria, 10.3.91; N P Potter R SIGNALS – To MOD, 4.3.91; G H Goodman R SIGNALS – To 5th Sig Regt, 4.3.91; R J Smith RA – To RMCS Shrivenham, 4.3.91; A M Watson REME – to MOD, 4.3.91.

Retirements

COLONELS: A J L Molesworth, late RA, 10.3.91; G G Vernon, late R SIGNALS, 9.3.91.

**Royal Air Force**

GROUP CAPTAIN: E W Ward – to RAF Boulmer as Stn/Cdr; W M Waddes to OASC Biggin Hill.

WING COMMANDER: D P Pollock – to OASC Biggin Hill; A H Eaton – to OASC Biggin Hill; J Walmsley – to HQSTC.

## University news

**Glasgow**

Professor Andrew Bain, group economic adviser to the Midland Bank, has been appointed visiting professor in the department of political economy (economics).

**London**

Dr Anthony H. V. Schapira, senior lecturer, has been appointed, from October, to the chair in neurology, a joint appointment between the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine and the Institute of Neurology.

**Sheffield**

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following in July:

LLD: Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman, National Westminster Bank; Professor G. D. Sims, former vice-chancellor.

DEng: Dr J. H. Burgoyne, honorary professor, department of mechanical and process engineering.

LittD: Emeritus Professor K. Cameron, formerly professor of English language at Nottingham University; Lord Morris of Castle Morris, principal, St David's University College, Lampeter; Professor Zou Dexi, president, China Academy of Urban Planning and Design.

DSc: Professor W. D. P. Stewart, chief scientific adviser, Cabinet Office.

**Strathclyde**

Lord Tombs, Chairman of Rolls-Royce, will be installed as Chancellor of Strathclyde University on April 5 when an honorary degree of doctor of the university will be conferred upon him. Similar degrees will also be conferred upon Sir Robert Davidson, of GEC Alsthom, Sir Robert Easton, of Yarrow Shipbuilders, and Lord Forte, of Trusthouse Forte. An honorary degree of doctor of laws will be conferred on Sir William Kerr Fraser, Vice-Chancellor of Glasgow University.

For we have heard the Good News, just as they did. They heard the message, but it did them no good, because when they heard it they did not accept it with faith. Hebrews 4 : 2 G.N.B

## BIRTHS

**BENSON** - On February 28th, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Amanda (née Findlay) and Edward, a son, Ian Jamie Rico.

**CHAPMAN** - On March 2nd, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Marie and David, a daughter, Verity Linda Jean.

**CLAYTON** - On March 2nd, to Tina (née Brough) and Andrew, a son, Jamie David, a brother for Coralie.

**COCKERTON** - On February 25th 1991, to Lynne (née Friary) and Roger, a daughter, Georgina Mary Anne, a sister for Elizabeth.

**COLTHURST** - On February 28th, at the Lindo Wing, to Sophie and Henry, a daughter, Caroline Georgina.

**CRYSTAL** - On March 1st, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Suzi and Zev, a son, Sasha.

**CUTHBERT** - On February 26th, to Mike and Alison (née Laing) at The Simpson, Edinburgh, a son, James Alexander.

**DORAHY** - On March 3rd, in Sydney, to Emma (née Ecroyd) and Paul, a son, Thomas Edward.

**ECROYD** - see Dorahy.

**EVANS** - On March 2nd, at Epsom District Hospital, to Julie (née Cassell) and Maurice, a beautiful daughter, Camilla Charlotte Rose.

**FERGUSON LACEY** - On March 2nd, to Susan and Graham, a son, Luke Royston. Sincere thanks to all the staff at The Garden Hospital.

**FORSTER** - On March 2nd 1991, at Liverpool, to Renee (née Stallniez) and David, a son, John Henry.

**FOX** - On March 2nd, to John and Lindsay, a son, Angus James, a brother for Charlotte.

**GILLINGHAM** - On March 1st 1991, to Adam and Susan (née Mears), in Edinburgh, a daughter, Holly Victoria, a sister for Thomas.

**HARMAN** - On March 1st, to Sarah (née Dewson) and Nigel, a daughter, Charlotte Emily.

**HAYES** - On March 1st, to Nicola (née Reilly) and John, a son, Benjamin Thomas, a brother for Charles, Hugh and Matthew.

**HESKETH** - On March 1st, to Catherine and Robert, twin daughters.

**HUNT** - On February 22rd, at St Mary's Hospital, to Mary (née Bass) and Greg, a beautiful son, Frederick William Robert.

**JAGO** - On February 28th, to Jane (née Denny) and Patrick, a daughter, Madeleine, a sister for Freddie.

**JAVE** - On March 1st, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Elaine and Andrew, a son, Nicholas Mark.

**JOHNSTON STEWART** - On February 24th, to Josephine (née Carey) and Hamish, a son, Archie John Hathern.

**KING** - On March 3rd, to Sarah (née Hopkins) and Peter, a son, David Lawrence Spencer, a brother for Ruth.

**KNOX-WESTCOTT** - On March 1st, at St Luke's, Guildford, to Maggie and Simon, a son, Thomas Mark.

**LALOR** - On February 26th at Queen Charlotte's, to Margaret (née Forrest) and Simon, a daughter, Amanda Louise.

**MASON** - On March 2nd 1991, to Monique (née Jurasevitz) and David, a son, Michael James.

**MELHUISH** - On February 28th, to Katy (née Enotiades) and Philip, a son, Alexander Lawrence.

**MONROE** - On February 23rd at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle, to Anne (née Grierson) and William, a second son, Edward Boswell.

**MOORE** - On February 28th, to Anna (née Thompson) and Simon, a son, Oliver Wentworth, a brother for Emily.

**NORMAN** - On March 4th, to Caroline (née Dobson) and Jamie, a daughter, Kitty.

**PANNELL** - On February 24th to Kay (née Bunn) and Bob, a daughter, Charlotte Sarah.

**PUGH** - On February 26th, to Victoria (née Booth) and Stephen, a son, James Stephen Macaulay, a brother for Sarah.

**PYGRAFT** - On March 2nd, at The Churchill Clinic, to Maria and Julian, a son, Edward Julian Henrik, a brother for Thomas.

**REINHOLD** - On March 1st, in Canterbury, to Jane and Adrian, a daughter, Lucy Victoria, a sister for Thomas.

**RIDD** - On February 25th, to Paul and Sue, a son, Oliver Singleton, at Cuckfield Hospital, W. Sussex.

**RODSETH** - On March 3rd 1991, to Margaret and Michael, a son, Edmund Schram.

**ROWLANDSON** - On March 1st 1991, to Kim and Piers, a son, Edward David, a brother for Tirza, Tom and Emily.

**SANDEMAN** - On March 2nd, to Patrick and Katie, a daughter, Georgiana, a sister for Natasha and Edward.

**TRASENSTER** - On February 28th, in Singapore, to Elisabeth (née Rose) and Mark, a daughter, Cordelia Camille de Courcy, a sister for Sophie, Georgina and Sara, Fatally now living in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**WOOD** - On February 27th, at The Portland Hospital, to Steve and Sally, a son, James David Steven, a brother for Laura and Natalie.

## DEATHS

**ATTWELL** - On Saturday March 2nd 1991, peacefully in Lancaster Royal Infirmary, the Rt. Revd. Arthur Henry Attwell, formerly Bishop of Sodor and Man - a faithful and beloved shepherd of Christ's flock, dearly loved husband of Muriel and brother of Rene. Funeral at St John's Church, Silverdale, on Friday March 8th at 2 pm. Donations to St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy.

**BELL** - On March 3rd 1991, Sophia McDonald, aged 87 years, wife of the late Harry Bell O.B.E., M.A., mother of John, Sandy and Patricia. Funeral Service at Perth Crematorium on Wednesday, March 6th at 2.30 pm.

**BONAR** - On February 26th, Eric Watt, G.C. (Jock), peacefully in the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, aged 91 years. Much loved father of Mac and Sue and family. Funeral Service at Croydon Crematorium on Thursday March 7th at 12 noon. Enquiries to W. Kemp & Son, 5/7 Heath Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR4 8NG. Donations if desired to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

**CAMPBELL** - On March 2nd, at Ascot, after a brief illness, Marian (Cobbett - née Jordan) aged 79, wife of the late Barrie Campbell. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium, Friday March 8th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers. Donations may be sent to the Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund, Sunningdale, Berkshire, SL5 0AJ.

**CARTER** - On March 3rd 1991, peacefully, at Gantthorpe, The Rev. Douglas Hewenkaghun Mackay, aged 85. Requiem Mass at Ampleforth Abbey on Thursday, March 7th, at 12 noon.

**CLEMITSON** - On March 3rd 1991, at the Aldbourne Nursing Home, Wiltshire, Kathleen Farquhar Clemitson, beloved wife of the late Rear-Admiral Francis Edward Clemitson, dearly loved mother of Anne and Elizabeth and grandmother of Claire and Edward. Funeral Service on Friday March 8th 1991 at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, Surrey, at 2.30 pm, followed by private burial. Family flowers only.

**COX** - On March 2nd 1991, suddenly, Graham Cox, O.B.E., husband of Helen (née Whitfield), father of Martin, Caroline, Sarah and Jo. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Rickmansworth, at 3 pm on Thursday March 7th. No flowers please but donations, if wished, to Special Olympics, New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester, LE1 6ZG.

**CRAWFORD** - On March 2nd 1991, suddenly but peacefully at home, Maria (née Murray), beloved wife of Walter and mother of Susan and Anne, grandmother of Eve, Kim, Liam and Gemy. Funeral Service Morningfield Cemetery, Edinburgh, on Thursday March 7th at 12 noon. Enquiries to W. Kemp & Son, 5/7 Heath Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR4 8NG. Donations if desired to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

**DEITH** - On February 21st, peacefully, Raymond Cecil Deith, C.C., F.C.A. Much loved husband of Mary, adored daddy of Ann, Valerie and Richard and seaside grandpa of Simon and Susie Oakey, Amanda, Jo, Duncan, Katie and Pippa. The cremation has taken place. The loving letters received have been of great comfort and the beautiful flowers have been donated to Clare House Nursing Home with grateful thanks for their unfailing love, care and support of both Mary and Raymond. 'Loved and respected and a gentleman to the end'.

**DENHOLM-YOUNG** - On February 22nd 1991, peacefully at Oxford, Clement Patrick Samuel, O.B.E., ret. Col. Royal Signals, beloved husband of Rachel, very dear brother of Hilda, devoted father of Serena, Piers and the late Geraldine. Funeral private. Memorial Service later.

**ELLIOT** - On Saturday March 2nd, after a sudden illness, Ian Clinton, aged 48. Beloved father of Patrick, Shane and Mary-Gaye and a much loved brother of Diana, Vivienne, Alan and twin brother of Graeme. The funeral service will take place at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Friday March 8th at 11 am, followed by a private family burial at Chilton Foliat. Flowers to Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, London SW1, by 9.30 am or donations if desired to The Welsh Guards Comforts Fund, c/o The Regimental Adjutant, Headquarters Welsh Guards, Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

**FIELD** - On March 4th, at home, Major Peter Charles, late RCT, beloved husband of Ulrike and loving father to Mark, Dominic and Antonia. Funeral Service to be held at Reading Crematorium on Friday, March 8th at 4 pm.

**GIUSEPPI** - On March 2nd 1991, peacefully in hospital in Caterham, aged 79 years, Eric Giuseppi O.B.E., C.B.E., Solicitor retired, dearly loved husband of the late Joyce, brother to Denis, father of Sarah, Simon and Carol and a grandfather to Valerie, Sandra, Katherine, James, Vanessa and Jonathon. Funeral at St Ambrose Church, Upper Warlingham, on Friday March 8th at 12 noon, followed by burial at St Agatha's Churchyard, Woldingham at 1 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Research Fund of the Diabetes Association.

**HARRIES** - On February 26th, at home in Edinburgh, James Jim Harries (Retd.) of Army HQ, Craigiehall, Edinburgh, and late of The Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire, dearly loved husband of Joyce, and adored by his daughters Frances, Janey and Emma and grandchildren James and Charlotte. Cremation has taken place privately, at his request. Donations, if desired, may be sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Oncology Department, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

**HOLLIDAY** - On March 1st, in a Cheltenham nursing home, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Margaret Isabel (Margot), beloved wife of Kit and dearly loved aunt of Jennifer and Mark. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Painswick, on Friday March 8th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers at her request but donations, if desired, to donor's favourite charity.

**JENYNS** - On March 3rd, peacefully in hospital, George Arthur Soames, beloved husband of Peggy and father of Hugh and Caroline. Cremation private. A Thanksgiving Service to be held at St Nicholas Church, Guisborough, on Tuesday March 19th at 2 pm.

**LEES** - On March 3rd, peacefully at home, Leonard Martyn Lees, late I.C.S. (Burma). Devoted husband and parent. Funeral at Littleham Parish Church, Friday March 8th at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations please, if wished, to The Royal National Institute for the Blind.

**LINDSAY** - On March 4th, peacefully at Stopsepound House, Hassocks, in his 94th year, Kenneth, formerly M.P. for Kilmarnock and combined English Universities, dear brother of Marjorie and Christine and uncle of David and John. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Clayton, on March 11th at 2 pm. Memorial Service to be announced. Enquiries to Frank Davey & Co., 51 High Street, Hurstpierpoint. (0273) 832179.

**MACKENZIE** - On March 3rd, peacefully in hospital after a short illness in Tunbridge Wells, Vera Millward (née Hill), widow of Capt. P.A. Mackenzie, D.S.O., D.S.C. Beloved mother of Colleen and grandmother of Alexandra and James. Funeral Service at Winchelsea Church, Monday March 11th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research. Any enquiries to Ellis Bros. Funeral Services, Rye. (0797) 222394.

**MACKLEY** - On March 1st 1991, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Marwafield, East Sussex, Brian George, aged 65 years. Cremation service to take place at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Wednesday March 6th at 10 am. Flowers and enquiries to Cooper & Son Funeral Service, Rose Cottage, New Town, Uckfield, (0825) 765765.

**MUMFORD** - On February 28th 1991, in hospital after a short illness, Cissie, aged 85 years, of Hove, widow of Charles Mumford. Funeral Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Monday March 11th at 2.45 pm. Flowers and enquiries may be sent to Baker & Sons, tel. (0273) 418464.

**MARTIN** - On March 2nd 1991, at Bart's Hospital after a long worrisome illness, Carola, wife of Macdonald Martin. Her body has been donated to Humane Research.

**NEVILLE-WILLING** - On March 2nd 1991, peacefully at Mayfield House, Weybridge, in his 90th year, Major Donald Neville-Willing, formerly of Kinnerton Street, Belgravia, London SW1. A much loved and loving friend. Funeral at Woking St John's Crematorium on Thursday March 7th at 4.30 pm.

**PARKER** - On March 2nd, at Stokenwood, Marjorie Gertrude, aged 95 years, Widow of Tom, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Family cremation, Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke, on Saturday March 9th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

**PEARSON** - On March 2nd 1991, peacefully in a nursing home, Horace A. Pearson, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of the late Mavis. Cremation Friday March 8th, 12.30 pm, Streatham Crematorium. Floral tributes to Stanley Clare, 254 Brixton Hill, London SW2.

**PHILLIPS** - On March 1st 1991, at Luton Hoo, Nicholas, adored husband of Lucy and loving father of Charlotte and Edward. Funeral service private - no flowers. Donations to King Edward VII Hospital and Living Welfare. Memorial Service to be announced later.

**POWLETT** - On March 1st 1991, Angela (Le Bastard) Dorothy, peacefully. Dearly loved sister of Anne and Daphne and aunt and great-aunt. Cremation private. Family flowers only, but if wished donations to National Cats Protection League, 17 Kings Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 8PP.

**QUAIFE** - On March 1st 1991, suddenly, Betty, beloved wife of the late Major Patrick Quaife and dearly loved mother of Jill. Cremation on Monday March 11th 1991 at Woking St John's Crematorium at 3 pm. Flowers if desired may be sent to G. Luckett & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey. tel: (0932) 346057.

**READ** - On March 3rd 1991, peacefully at Field House, Clent, Miles Constantine, in his 91st year. Much loved father of Chauncey and Philip. Funeral Service at the Worcester Crematorium at 2 pm on Monday March 11th.

**RHODES** - On March 3rd 1991, peacefully in her sleep, Nancy Philippa (née Warren). Beloved mother of Caroline, Philippa and Sarah and grandmother of Charlotte, Rachel, Gregory, Jasper and Helen. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Nicholas Parish Church, Chislehurst, Kent, on Wednesday March 20th at 11.30 am.

**ROGERS** - On March 1st 1991, at home in Horley, Joy Rogers (formerly Rixon), with dignity and great courage after a painful illness. A devoted mother, she lived only to love and is sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium Memorial Chapel on Friday March 8th at 3.45 pm. She loved flowers. Flowers may be sent to Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill, tel: (0737) 763456.

**SAXBY** - On March 2nd 1991 Hilda (Knowles (née Burman), peacefully in hospital, aged 89 years, of Ashford Carbonell, Ludlow. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Ashford Carbonell, on Monday March 11th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Shrewsbury. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to be divided between Ashford Church and Whitcliffe Ward, Ludlow Hospital. Enquiries please to J. Wall Funeral Director, 9 Raven Lane, Ludlow, tel: (0584) 872048.

**SHELLEY** - On March 3rd 1991, peacefully in her sleep at home, Diana Meryl (née Griffith), aged 70 years, wife of the late Guy Shelley and dearly loved mother of David and Marilyn, will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and many friends. Private cremation, followed by Thanksgiving Service and Interment of ashes at St Nicholas Church, Whitley, on Friday March 8th at 3.30 pm. Flowers or donations if desired for CRUSE c/o C.S. Bowyer Ltd., 5 Church Street, Bradford-on-Avon.

**SHILLITO** - On March 3rd 1991, peacefully after a long illness, Edward Alan Shillito C.B., aged 80 years. Dearly loved by his wife Jean, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral on Tuesday March 12th at 1.45 pm at St John's Church, Loughton, Essex, thereafter Parndon Crematorium, Harlow. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society for research, 158/160 Balham High Road, London, SW12 9BN.

**SMITH** - On Saturday March 2nd, peacefully in Budleigh Salterton, Devon, Marcelle, widow of the late Brigadier Sidney Smith F.R.C.P., adored mother of Bobby and grandmother of Michael, Simon and Jamie. R.I.P.

**STERNBERG** - On February 28th 1991, peacefully at his home in Hoe, Norfolk, Robert Siegmund, late of College Road, Manchester 16. Remembered with affection by his wife Joan and children Hilary and Julian. Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, at 3 pm on Tuesday March 5th.

**THOMPSON** - On February 28th, suddenly, Charles Thompson (formerly of the Foreign Office), loved husband of Mary Anne. Brother of Betty and Clifford. Service at Purley United Reformed Church, Brighton Road, on Thursday March 7th at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations for The Romanian Orphans may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

**WHARTON** - On February 27th, peacefully at home, William Wharton, C.Eng., F.I.E.E., aged 72. Beloved husband of Phyllis, much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral has taken place. If wished, donations to Hurstone Marie Curie Home, Hurstone Drive, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 6YQ.

**WHITWORTH** - On March 3rd 1991, peacefully at her home in Westcott, Irene, dearly loved wife of Frank Whitworth. Funeral Service on Thursday March 7th at Holy Trinity Church, Westcott, at 3 pm, No flowers please but donations to a charity.

**WIGMORE** - On Friday March 1st, peacefully at his home in the New Forest, Alan John, aged 67 years. Loving husband of Pat, dear father to Graham, Lindsay and Jane. A man of strength who will be remembered by all who knew him. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on Thursday, March 7th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations for the R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

**WILLIAMS** - On March 1st 1991, peacefully at his home in West Chinnock, Somerset, Kenneth Ronald Monro Williams, aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Marian, father of Caroline and grandfather. Private cremation on Friday March 8th, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, West Chinnock at 3 pm. Flowers to Stoodley & Son, The Park, The George Shopping Centre, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 7LU, tel: (0460) 73229.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**HARLEY** - A Memorial Service for the late Sir Thomas Harley will be held at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday March 9th at 3 pm.

**HARMSWORTH** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dorothy Lady Harmsworth will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, at 12 o'clock Tuesday March 19th.

**LIPMAN** - The consecration of the tombstone for the late Vivian David Lipman will take place at Willesden United Synagogue Cemetery on Sunday March 10th at 11.15.

## IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

**MESSENGER** - March 5th 1978. In loving memory of my father, William Messenger M.C. Betty.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MUNN** - Mary is joined by the family in wishing to thank, most sincerely, those who kindly sent donations to the British Heart Foundation following the sad loss of her husband Harold.

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# High technology pays dividends

**Information systems are the largest single area of business for consultants, but the industry's clients, struggling to cope with recession, are counting pennies. Matthew May reports**

TONY ANDREWS



Dream machines: organisations such as NatWest have invested heavily in technology. Many are wary of extra expense to buy more hardware

Of every £3 spent on management consultancy, £1 is spent on information technology. As the largest single area of business for consultants, it has helped some consultancies achieve enviable turnover and profits as their clients look for outside help to keep up with the continual developments in a field that is both technically complex and fast-changing.

Information technology (IT) offers a plethora of equipment, much of it incompatible. Management consultants, often with specialist IT staff, argue that, outside the largest companies, their expertise is likely to be way ahead of that available inhouse. In the long run, they say, their fees will be cheaper than relying on the partisan views of sales people.

The cost of choosing the wrong information technology can be high. Large-scale projects that go wrong can have a serious effect on a business and occasionally result in a new piece of computer jargon, computer aided bankruptcy (CAB).

Hedley Basford, of Basford Hewett Associates, says: "Data processing can, unhappily, still be a field in which the expert is the person who has read more than one chapter of the manual. Computer systems are selected infrequently by individual companies and it does not follow that the people running the business have to be experts in the specification and selection of computer systems in order to be able to use them."

Giving advice on selecting computer systems is only a part of management consultancy. Less tangible concepts, such as the strategic importance of IT or how, properly handled, IT can give a business a competitive edge, are often an essential part of the package.

It is, however, an area that should be approached with caution, says John Griffith, the consultancy director of the National Computing Centre, wary that a few successful examples can give the wrong impression.

"People have been led to the false conclusion that information technology itself creates competitive advantage," he told a conference last week. "The truth of the matter for most organisations is that IT is only a contributor to business success."

As companies continue to cut back on their information technology spending during the recession, consultants are finding clients more interested than ever in ascertaining whether their existing investments in information technology are providing value for money.

"There are a lot of IT departments on flat budgets at the moment with the purchase of new hardware being put off and system rewrites being deferred," says Jon Newman, a managing consultant at BIS Mackintosh.

"We come across some companies that haven't increased their IT budget for the past two or three years, yet expect continual improvements." Recently, the firm launched a European scheme for members to compare information. At least a fifth of Britain's annual £8 billion expenditure on IT is wasted, and 30 to 40 per cent of information systems projects produce no benefits, according to a recent research paper from the City university business school.

The management consultancy division of Hoskyns has recently started to offer a "value for money" review service which promises to make a thorough health check of an organisation's IT systems, confirm whether these things are being done well, and give practical advice on improvements.

Typical problems are a poor cost-to-efficiency ratio, a lack of confidence in IT, and consequent low staff morale.

"Most organisations are not making good use of what they've got," says adds Julie Baddely, of Baddely Associates. "You may get more from reviewing how you can make better use of a system rather than investing in new ones."

Ms Baddely She says believes the main stumbling block is usually the people using the system. They often do not understand everything the system can do because of poor training.

## Working for EC harmony

A HIGHLIGHT of the year for the Management Consultancies Association will be the 1991 Feaco conference, held in London on behalf of the Fédération Européene des Associations de Conseils en Organisations.

The two-day conference, to be held at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre from May 16, takes as its theme the challenges facing management up to the year 2000.

The speakers, all of whom have a strong European background, include Sir Alastair Morton, the chief executive of Eurotunnel, and Alain Bertrand, the project's managing director; Sir Colin Marshall, the deputy chairman and chief executive of British Airways; Gennady Gerasimov, who will represent the government of the Soviet Union; Sir Leon Brittan, the vice president of the European Commission; and Robert Fitzpatrick, the president of Euro Disneyland.

An important topic for discussion will be the harmonisation of standards throughout the European Community and the need for guidelines for management consultancy.

The Management Consultancies Association is chairing a European study group on the subject.



Competitive: Brian O'Rorke



Warning: George Cox

# Consultants try to make the recession pay

**Management specialists struggling in the slump, like their clients, are taking their own advice. Martin Barrow reports**

After almost a decade of unprecedented growth, management consultancies are feeling the chill wind of recession. Despite difficult economic conditions the industry returned a 24 per cent rise in fee income during 1990, a performance which would be the envy of other sectors of industry.

However, the increase represents a marked slowdown from the 60 per cent growth enjoyed in the previous 12 months. In addition, it probably overstates the underlying position, for the bulk of this growth was achieved during the first half of the year.

Conditions deteriorated in the final six months. George Cox, the managing director of Butler Cox, and president of the Management Consultancies Association (MCA), warns that 1991 could show "very little genuine growth" in total consultancy income.

Even his forecast may prove over-optimistic. Andersen Consulting, which last month reported a 40 per cent increase in fee income, to £130 million, in 1990, says independent research shows the industry should expect no growth this year.

While some would find it reassuring to discover that management consultancy is subject to the same economic pressures and the same market forces as its clients, most would expect the industry to thrive, as business seeks answers to the many questions posed by the sudden economic downturn and upheaval in the Gulf.

Not so, counters Brian O'Rorke, the executive director of the association, which has 33 members. It is his view that management consultancy thrives in periods of "discontinuity", but not uncertainty, which forces clients into inaction. By the end of the year both the pattern of the recession and the high probability of war in the Middle East were sufficiently identifiable for clients to seek advice.

Both Mr Cox and Mr O'Rorke believe that the worst now lies in the past and management consultants have emerged leaner and fitter from the recession. "Member firms have had to become leaner and hungrier," Mr O'Rorke says work has not come to them — "virtually all has been sought in a competitive environment".

A detailed breakdown of sources of fees for management consultants shows resilience in the public sector, which is highly competitive, and further growth in business from mainland Europe, where British firms, despite their impressive track record and lead over continental firms, are relative newcomers.

Work by MCA members in the European Community rose by almost 53 per cent and was worth £55 million, with a further £13 million coming from other European countries.

Not only are leading firms advising UK companies on how to be competitive in the single European market, they are also advising American and Japanese companies on how to overcome the threat of fortress Europe and, increasingly, are helping continental firms understand the British market.

But domestic business continues to be, by far, the main source of income, accounting for £706 million out of a total fee income of £810 million in 1990. Information technology and systems are still gaining in importance, despite massive growth in the Eighties.

Information technology contributed £290 million in fee income, up from £177 million in 1989, as clients continue to seek ways of maximising returns on their investment. This compares with annual yearly growth of 33 per cent over the past three years and 38 per cent in 1989. According to Mr O'Rorke, all indications point to continued growth in this sector.

By contrast, spending on corporate strategy was up just 2 per cent year-on-year, while financial and service management was down 13 per cent. The first figure reflects the harsh environment in which industry now operates. The downturn in financial work can be attributed to depressed activity in the City, post-Big Bang, now that expansion and takeover activity have become bywords of a past age.

Public sector work continues to account for about 30 per cent of total fees, with central government consultancy, chiefly in information technology, accounting for £90 million. Of growing importance is the National Health Service, which is now getting to grips with a more competitive environment, as it adapts to government policy to achieve better value for money.

Management consultants have been substantial beneficiaries of past privatisations, and the transfer of the electricity and water industry has proved no exception. Clients frozen into inaction by the war are now more confident.


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# Euro-money asserts its power

**As American influence declines, Hugh Lang (right) forecasts a time of change for UK consultancies**



Management consultancies, so often the apostles of change in their clients' organisations, are on the brink of a transformation that will set the industry's future direction.

Apart from the effects of the recession on what many considered a recession-proof industry, we are witnessing the decline in influence of two of the main factors that have helped shape its development and rapid growth over the past three decades in Britain and the rest of Europe.

The influence of the United States on European business and management thinking has been immense, ever since the period when America led Europe in terms of gross domestic product (GDP), growth and industrial performance. The US companies were considered better managed and seen as an example to be followed. The US business schools and their development of the "management science" helped to fuel the growth of strategy consultancies such as McKinsey, Bain and the Boston Consulting Group which spread the new business thinking abroad.

This lead has been swept away. The GDP of the EC countries is now greater than that of the US, whose company business performance lags behind that of several European countries. As a result, the management consultancy pendulum is swinging from the US towards Europe.

This will have a far-reaching effect on British consultancies. European business culture is less short-term than in America, in its lack of dominance by stock markets and its longer-term attitude to investment.

The progress for management consultancies in the Nineties will, therefore, involve an increasing European awareness in the business. This thinking contributed to the formation of EI (the European Independents), a consortium of leading independent management consultancy groups from eight countries.

As a result, consultancies will emphasise language ability when recruiting staff. Experience of working in other European countries will be an advantage for consultants, if not a requirement. People will move about far more, not just between companies but between countries.

The structure of the industry will also change. The entry of accountancy firms into the management consultancy market in an attempt to add value to their audit services was a development of the poacher-gamekeeper tale, except that the poacher is now also the magistrate. Through a series of mergers, the top five or six accounting firms have built global organisations which are not as integrated as they appear, and there are often conflicts of interest within them. As for working for their audit clients, the accountancy-based consultancies may be living on borrowed time. However effective the Chinese walls may be claimed to be, clients will feel increasingly that the same company cannot be both judge and advocate on their business affairs.

The separation of audit from other advisory services on the basis of conflict of interest, which is increasingly being seen in the US, will happen here as a result of the growing pressure from political parties and the European Commission.

If these two developments will affect the future structure of the consultancy sector and the business attitudes it engenders, what of the work that consultants are called on to do?

This will also change, if for no other reason than that no section of business or commerce has been immune to the effects of the growth in information technology. Since most managers in client companies will have a computer, analytical work will become easier for companies to handle using their own resources. The function of the consultant here will be to help companies to harness the power of IT in their organisations.

Increasingly, the role of consultants will be to do with the management of change, the process of changing the behaviour and influencing the way individuals interact with the cultural aspects of the organisation. In a sense, consultants will become intervention agents, helping clients to work through their own people to achieve change.

Of course, because our clients will increasingly be running a tight ship and focusing on their core businesses, they will not carry staff for occasional ventures. And because these one-off projects occur with increasing frequency in go-ahead organisations, the opportunities for consultancies to supply skilled cost-effective reinforcements will also increase.

The future for management consultancies is as much about change and the breaking down of barriers as it is for any of the other industries in which consultants work. The old conflicts between the accountancy, strategy and independent consultancies will fade. In future, we will all be "independents", promoting Euro-business values within organisations. And the main beneficiary will be our clients.

● *The author is the executive chairman of P-E International.*



Euro-currencies: now management consultancies are leading the Americans

# Companies tap people power

Human resources consulting mushroomed in the Eighties because few of the strategic investments made by companies were realisable without the commitment, development and support of their workers. The introduction of information technology, customer service initiatives, total quality management, and other measures to improve productivity and performance fell on stony ground if employers failed to examine the implications for their personnel policies *(Michel Syrett writes)*.

Roger Cooke, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, says: "One of the big companies in human resources consultation says it has always emphasised the importance of this. We help to design the right structure for the organisation, look at the staffing implications of change, identify potential shortages and surpluses of staff and examine training needs.

"We analyse the way communication between different parts of an organisation occur, how organisations work in practice and what can be done to make them work more effectively."

As personnel departments have become more effective in using consultancy services, a wide range of specialisms have also sprung up.

Executive selection is in sharp decline, with appointments the lowest for ten years, — although companies are still looking for key managers for tough times, such as commercial and financial directors.

There is a renewed demand for career counselling services, especially after redundancies. Well-established firms such as Pauline Hyde & Associates, Drake Beam Morin, TDA Consulting and Saville & Holdsworth have been joined by newer practices started by firms such as MSL International, which sees its career counselling service as a mainstay now that its painful separation from the Hay Group is complete.

The size of the market is illustrated in a recent survey of 564 United Kingdom companies by Peat Marwick's career consultancy. Nearly half (45 per cent) provide some form of career counselling and of those that do not, almost three-quarters envisage doing so over the next five years.

John Hall, United Kingdom head of Peat Marwick's career consultancy, stresses that companies are keen to provide proper careers information and advice to redundant executives to protect their reputation.

Other parts of HR consulting have been less affected by the recession, according to Alan Little. "Organisations tend to have people problems whether they are in growth or decline," he says.

However, Mr Cooke argues that clients are becoming more precise in their demands and want greater value for money.

"We are seeing a demand for a newer breed of consultants who are more mature and have the ability to work with clients over a long period," he says. "The important factor is their ability to understand the human dimension of change."


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# Milan sends in the moneymakers

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**In the booming Eighties Italy's top fashion designers ruled the world. Now they are using their lower-priced collections to tackle the recession. Liz Smith reports**







**Top left, Byblos: sectioned trapeze coat in black and white with horizontal zip over white shirt dress banded with black. Centre, Emporio Armani: short jacket in orange and yellow check with wrap skirt. Above, Moschino: Giotto angel framed on the front of navy T-shirt under gold jewel-braided navy jacket with jeans. Left, Dolce & Gabbana: red velvet moiré shawl-collared reversible coat over black satin damask corselet and black jersey turtle neck sweater.**

Italian style has always been synonymous with prosperity. During the good times of the Eighties Milan became established as a world fashion centre. The easy elegance of a Giorgio Armani suit, the flamboyance of a Gianfranco Ferré beaded sweater and sarong or a Gianni Versace sharp-shouldered leather jacket, all came into our fashion consciousness during the *dolce vita* days of the last decade. MaxMara, celebrating its fortieth anniversary this week, consolidated its grip on world fashion in the retailing boom of the Eighties.

In Milan this week it is interesting to watch how Italy's top designers are tackling the challenge of the bad times. With the instinctive common sense that can be found at the root of the best of all Italian design, from a Gaggia espresso machine to a Missoni Jacquard sweater, the Italians are shrugging off the problems of the recession by concentrating on their second-string collections, those lower-priced lines that are the moneymakers in fashion. More importantly, they are playing on their design skills and attacking retailing lethargy with some of the oldest weapons in the design book: up-front sex appeal and assertive glamour.

Even as discussions were raging about the appropriateness of extravagant shows this season and, indeed, the likely presence or absence of American and Japanese buyers (both are in evidence in Milan this week, although depleted in numbers), the designers began jostling for the coveted position of being last to show. Versace was first to switch from his traditional slot on the opening Sunday to next Thursday, and set off a game of grandmother's footsteps that is still in play. None of the top names – Ferré, Fendi, Krizia and Versace – has shown yet, and Armani is winding up the programme on Thursday night.

The trend for winter, however, has begun to emerge. Hemlines stay short, although some designers are following the longer look set by Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel in January (he shows his Fendi collection tomorrow). Byblos, Krizia and Moschino are all playing half-heartedly with longer, mid-calf skirts. While the audience at the shows is still cocooned in this winter's fluffed-up silk parkas and quilted jackets, the hooded A-line coat is taking over from the parka for next winter. Few women are going to be prised out of their winter layers of leggings and high boots, worn with trapeze tunics, oversized sweaters and short coats, and Italy's designers agree with them. Colours are still bright, with black and white used for added punch. Even Armani has brightened up his traditionally neutral palette to include hot pink and red, although in subtle, dusty tones.

The designers behind Dolce & Gabbana, one of the top-selling Italian labels in Harvey Nichols, are infatuated with the female pin-up. Bra and corselets are shown layered over turtle-necked jumpsuits and leggings that disappear to become high-heeled boots. Long gloves are, in fact, sleeves cut all-in-one with boleros, worn over bondage dresses with full chiffon skirts.

Maribou and fox tails in orange, saffron, mauve and sage swing around shawl-collared coats that envelope the jewelled corselets and velveteen catsuits printed with Jackson Pollock's abstract flashes. Other than a lean frock-coat in pale green worn with trousers, there was little to show off the talents that have established the pair in Milan's design establishment.

Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana, who set up their fashion house in 1982, now also design for Complice and showed their first collection yesterday. Donatella Girombelli, the dynamic head of the Genny group and one of the most powerful women in Italian fashion, originally set up Complice as a vehicle for Gianni Versace. She has developed it into a mass-market line, despite its high prices. The application of Dolce & Gabbana's obsession with the eroticism of a Sicilian brothel to the more lady-like style of Signora Girombelli promises to be an interesting exercise. The new Complice line includes corset tops and leggings worn with belled-out skirts and fishnet tights.

Franco Moschino, whose new fragrances (OK-KO for men, Moschino for women) are to be launched in Harvey Nichols this month, has not staged a show this season. His successful style is based on re-creating classics such as the Chanel-style cardigan suit or a military jacket, and exaggerating every detail with oversized braid and buttons. His gags this season include parka quilted coats that transform into sleeping bags.

London's mods from two decades ago, dressed in black drainpipes and long Crombie coats with white shirts, clearly made a lasting impression on Gianfranco Ferré. He summoned them up again when describing the inspiration for his new collection, to be shown in Milan tomorrow. "The English have a natural eccentricity," he says. "I love the way you take traditional clothes and make them look more modern." Ferré's London look is translated into suits made of black and white chenille worked into a chevron tweed, or a grey masculine suit with diamond buttons.

# Knight of heavy metal

**The Crafts Council's new chairman is also a silversmith**

Last Friday the Crafts Council welcomed a new chairman, Sir Nigel Broackes, the property developer and founder of Trafalgar House.

He succeeds Sir Nevil Macready, the former managing director of Mobil Oil who has presided over the council for seven turbulent years. Sir Nevil has seen off the Wilding Report, which recommended the body's amalgamation into the Arts Council. He leaves just before the Crafts Council moves into new premises in Islington, north London.

During the past 20 years, post-war British craft has come of age. The craft economy turns over £200 million each year. Out of 25,000 craftsmen in Britain today, about 7,000 depend on this work for their living, and of that number about 500 are of international standing. Today's young artisan is far more likely to be earning £15,000 to £20,000 a year within three or four years of completing his training than a painter or sculptor, who may never sell anything. About 90 per cent of the British population own at least one craft-made artefact, even if it is only a small pot.

Sir Nigel, who describes himself as "tolerably dextrous but not particularly artistic", brings another qualification besides business acumen to his new job. He is a silversmith. Over a three-year period, Sir Nigel made a set of 24 place settings, each of 11 pieces. His largest work to date is a 30in high candelabra, made to complement an antique French pair by Odiot that he owns.

At present the Crafts Council is considering Per Cent for Art, a scheme which started in the United States, and suggests that developers set aside 1 per cent of building costs for works of art and embellishment. Sir Nigel is guarded in his reaction to this project. Could he use his influence to have more craft work incorporated into new buildings? "Nothing I can say or do would cause another developer to do something he did not want to do in the first place," he says. But what about Trafalgar House? "I can't possibly compel my company to spend 1 per cent of its budget on works of art," he says hastily.

The Crafts Council has another ambition in which Sir Nigel may be more ready to help. Having raised the profile of British crafts, the council would like to see its exhibitions accorded critical status. It would like a body of journalists to emerge capable of recognising the artistic value of new pieces and placing them within their historic context. At one time Trafalgar House owned the Daily Express newspaper group. Sir Nigel, who relishes his press coverage, should find this project well within his considerable organisational skills.

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# Patterns with patina

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HOW often do the staff of auction houses feel tempted to bid at their own sales? In the case of the textiles department at Christie's South Kensington the temptation must be great, though it is being resisted. Its auction today at 2pm will include 70 lots that make up a unique archive of fabric designs, arranged in albums, providing an unbroken history of textile design from 1849 to the early 1960s.

Susan Mayor, the head of textiles at Christie's, says: "It could make dating antique clothes and furnishing fabrics so much easier for us, but buying at our own sales is strictly against the rules."

The archive, which is bound in unwieldy albums each about 12in thick, was salvaged by the vendor from a firm of engravers at Strangeways, Manchester, when it closed in 1965. Lockett, Crossland & Co had prepared the designs, and the machinery for printing them, for textile mills at home and abroad. There are designer proofs for Russian tablecloths (picturing sentimental peasant scenes), Peruvian handkerchiefs, and fabrics for India (with elephants) and China (pergolas).

The dress fabrics range from sprigged designs for everyday garments to patterns of entwined foliage and butterflies, often in exquisite colour combinations which have not lost their freshness. (Part of the rarity of the albums, Ms Mayor says, is that the proofs were printed on calico; other engravers used paper, which perished over the years.)

The prototype of almost every printable design now used is to be found somewhere within the albums. Christie's expects bidders to include museums and textile designers. There might also be a few students of design, although these might be excluded by estimated prices of between £100 and £2,000 per lot. Apparently there is nothing to stop the albums' new owners from reproducing patterns in the archives as their own.

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# Playing names

When is a festival not a festival? On Sunday night, it seemed. On Monday morning the postman delivered a glossy information pack all about "Swissfest 700", a year-long celebration throughout Britain, commemorating the birth of Switzerland. Included in the list of concerts was the one given by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican the night before. Apparently it was part of the festival's "Hommage à Ansermet". But only the tiniest reference to the festival, and no mention at all of Ansermet, appeared in my programme.

In any case, Myung-Whun Chung's performance of Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* rendered associations with other conductors irrelevant. Undoubtedly, Chung likes to play the exhibitionist but he



Neeme Järvi: fine Prokofiev

does so with great skill, and the players responded to him with enthusiasm and finesse.

The string sound was rich and warm, the ensemble close to impeccable. There were many excellent individual contributions, notably from Christine Pendrill's finely controlled, winsome cor anglais in the "Scène aux champs" and from Nicholas Rodwell's piercing E flat clarinet in the Witches' Sabbath music.

Chung, moreover, showed himself an adept accompanist in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto – as he sometimes had to be, given Igor Oistrakh's tempo flexibility. Oistrakh displayed a strong sound and certainty of gesture. But, despite a gloriously sung middle movement, there was something unfinished about his reading, and the persistent, hard sforzandi became an annoying cliché of soloistic heroism.

For its Festival Hall concert conducted by Neeme Järvi last Thursday, the Philharmonia Orchestra chose an all-Russian programme, including Christopher Palmer's new adaptation of the music Prokofiev wrote for Eisenstein's aborted film, *Ivan the Terrible*. Unlike a predecessor in this task, Abram Stasevich, Palmer omits the narrator's role and forms a suite of 13 movements. The piece still seems awkwardly long, yet it is hard to imagine an epic film on this subject being matched by music more appropriate.

The subject, and indeed the medium, unleashed the least inhibited side of Prokofiev's art. This score's panorama is vast, its drama immediate and colourful. The Philharmonia Chorus sang with sturdy strength, Linda Finnie and Nikita Storojev were both fine soloists, and the orchestra thoroughly enjoyed itself.

Earlier, Mikhail Pletnev, in his typically hard-edged, thrusting account of Rachmaninov's First Piano Concerto, had sometimes been just too keen to force the pace. And I do not know why Rodion Shchedrin's brief Concerto No 1 for Orchestra (1963), subtitled "Naughty Limericks", should have been chosen to start the concert. An essay in orchestral virtuosity, its triteness demeaned the concert.

The English Chamber Orchestra's "Mozart 200" series proceeds apace. Last Saturday's Barbican concert, a relatively low-key affair, was devoted to music from the year 1776, including the complete "Haffner" Serenade. Leopold Hager, the conductor, comes from the old Austrian school: in subtlety of phrasing and rhythmic lightness he did not match Sir Colin Davis, though he maintained the impetus well in the three Menuets. Earlier the young Romanian, Aleksandar Madzar, gave a wonderfully restrained account of the Piano Concerto, K238.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ROCK

# Byrd man has done his time

**Roger McGuinn, one of the most influential figures in Sixties' rock music, talks to David Sinclair**

Roger McGuinn does not have the air of a man at peace with himself. As the former leader of the Byrds and originator of their widely imitated "jangly" guitar sound, he qualifies as one of rock's principal visionaries from the Sixties. Yet there is a pinched look about his craggy features as he perches nervously on the edge of his seat.

He is on a promotional tour, visiting television and radio stations and playing at "private dinner parties for the retail people and the media". After a month of this in America, and a week in Europe, it is all getting a bit much. This meeting has had to be postponed (from 11.15 am) so that he could get out of bed. The rest of today's interviews have been called off.

This is all very rock star-ish for a man that few people have heard of, or from, in the last ten years. Indeed the album which he is plugging so assiduously, *Back From Rio*, is his first solo release since *Thunderbyrd* in 1977.

"I got tired of touring with a band. It came to the point where I was doing it for the money but there wasn't any. I decided to recapture my musical integrity. I was brought up in folk music. People like Pete Seeger were my heroes and they went out on their own with one instrument and charmed the audience. That was my goal. I was able to get bookings constantly, so I did about 100 shows a year, minded my own business and ignored the recording end of the industry."

As the Eighties wore on there was a sea-change in critical and commercial perceptions of McGuinn. First Tom Petty forged a career out of his love of the Byrds' blend of harmony and rock textures, then gradually other disciples such as R.E.M., Green On Red and the Church emerged, all tipping their hats to McGuinn's style of playing. Britain is currently buzzing with hot young bands who owe a stylistic debt to the Byrds – the Charlatans, Ride, the House of Love and the Stone Roses to name a few.

Not surprisingly, record company executives began to wonder what had happened to the man in the Ben Franklin "granny" glasses who composed such classics as "Eight Miles High", "So You Want to be a Rock 'n' Roll Star"

*'I got tired of touring with a band. I was doing it for the money but there wasn't any'*

and "Chestnut Mare" and whose high quavering vocals led the charge on "Turn! Turn! Turn!" and Dylan's "Mr Tambourine Man": the song which kickstarted folk-rock. McGuinn's phone started ringing again. Of the various deals that were offered he chose Arista's, because he remembered working happily with managing director Clive Davis, in the days of the Byrds.

A wholesale reassessment of the Byrds's legacy has been gathering momentum in recent months. The release in February of a digitally remastered CD version of their *Greatest Hits* album came in the wake of a superb four-CD boxed set called *The Byrds*.

McGuinn was closely involved with the project, sifting through hours of tape and coming up with previously undiscovered vocal tracks by the late Gram Parsons and at least one unreleased old song, "Mae Jean Goes to Hollywood". McGuinn had forgotten it even existed. "It was intended to be an archivists' collection. We were trying to go behind the scenes and get into the nooks and crannies and find the things that fell through the cracks and bring them out for people who are fascinated by stuff like that."

However, after talking about the Byrds for perhaps four minutes, McGuinn indicates his impatience with the subject with an abrupt: "Could we focus a little more on the current project?

"I've done a lot of these interviews," he explains. "Sometimes people write volumes about the Byrds and maybe this much [he indicates a small amount] about *Back From Rio*. It's counter-productive to what I am doing."



JAMES GRAY

Fretting fingers: Roger McGuinn holding his custom-built 12-string Rickenbacker

But the CD retrospective was only released last December. Surely that is still current? "But I'm not here to plug that, at this point. I do have an interest in it. Sure, I like it. I would recommend it to people." Perhaps such a hard-headed attitude is understandable, if not especially palatable, from a man whose solo career has been dwarfed by that of the group with which he first made his name.

Now 48, he was born James Joseph McGuinn III in Chicago. While still in his final year at school he got an offer to work with a folk group called the Limeliters. As soon as he had graduated he flew out to California to join them on tour: "I've been on the road ever since."

A flirtation with a strange Eastern religion in the Sixties resulted in the changing of his name. "There was a guru in Indonesia who said that if I changed my name to one that he gave me, my soul would vibrate better with the universe." A credulous Jim McGuinn duly became Roger McGuinn. However, a lot of people thought that Roger was really Jim's twin brother and that Jim had gone to live in Rio. Hence the album title, *Back From Rio*, apparently a joke relating to this.

McGuinn has now reverted to the Christian faith in which he was brought up, but having made his most revealing comment on the subject, he later insists that I strike it from the record of our conversation. Also on the proscribed list of topics is anything to do with Bob Dylan. "I make it a policy never to discuss Bob Dylan. He's always been one of my heroes. I leave it at that."

It is certainly easier when faced with a subject like McGuinn to let the music do the talking. The following night he is to be found playing in front of an invited audience of journalists, DJs and music industry hangers-on at the Borderline club in the West End, a cost- and energy-effective way of wooing the people who count without going through the rigmarole of putting on a proper show for the fans who might eventually buy his record.

The brilliant chiming sound of his custom-built Rickenbacker 12-string rings out with an undiminished resonance as he conjures the familiar cascading sequences of "My Back Pages", "Eight Miles High", "Feel a Whole Lot Better" and "Mr Tambourine Man": songs that are juxtaposed seamlessly with the new material from *Back From Rio*. The music retains a rare generosity of spirit, but the grin which occasionally lights up his face looks a little frayed around the edges and never reaches his eyes.

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# Failure sounds far more appealing than success

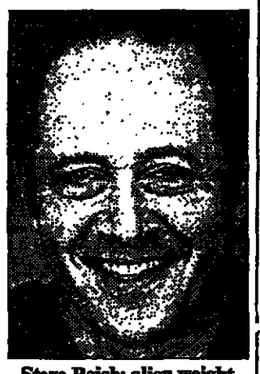
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JOAN La Barbara's Cage record is a gentle, touching document: an anthology of the composer's songs in which occasional percussion or electronic accompaniments do not get in the way of the natural lilt, freshness and intimacy of the voice. It is a context in which La Barbara flourishes.

As she reminds us in her introductory note, Cage's music generally requires a vibrato-free delivery, a rawness innocent of the cookery of classical vocal technique. And this she provides, in a selection which zig-zags between the 1940s and the 1980s, between the spell-binding incantations of Cummings and Joyce (*Forever and Sunsmell* and *The Wonderful Widow of Eighteen Springs*) and pieces in which fragmented texts in English and French are let loose as breaths of song.

She is less at home in the odd, more knowing piece that seems to derive from Cage's acquaintance with the many voices of Cathy Berberian (especially *Solo for Voice 52*), though her yelling of the Berberian memorial *Nowth upon Nacht*, another *Finnegans Wake* setting with slammed piano, is extraordinarily powerful. She also has problems with three café songs by Satie, interleaved within the cycle *Sonnerkus* and heard as if from another room, though if these are weak Satie they are strong Cage, since the brave exhibition of failure is so much what this composer is about.

Steve Reich is in the business, rather, of success, and his discomfiture in his orchestral piece *The Four Sections* (1986-87) is less positive. What he offers is a sort of minimalist person's guide to the orchestra, with characteristic repeating patterns growing in ensembles of strings, percussion and wind before gathering the whole band together. The problems are twofold. In the first place, conventional instruments introduce adventitious and unhelpful references to other music, notably to Copland in the bare string harmonies of the opening section. And secondly, the strings in particular introduce an expressive weight alien to Reich's world.



Steve Reich: alien weight of strings is not suitable

Since writing this score he has found his own way into darkness in his electronic string quartet *Different Trains*, and one learns without surprise, even with relief, that he has now decided to abandon the orchestra again. The wisdom of that decision is reinforced by the inclusion with *The Four Sections* of Reich's most luscious piece from the previous decade, *Music for Mallet Instruments, Voices and Organ*. However, an earlier recording of that work, remarkably close to its successor in timing, can be heard on a Deutsche Grammophon double album which includes the marathon *Drumming*.

Earlier American music of percussive joy and lyricism is beautifully presented by Peter Lawson in an intriguing selection of piano sonatas by Ives, Copland, Carter and Barber. These last two, writing in the 1940s, both seem to be following where the Copland sonata had led at the start of the decade. The *Three Page Sonata* of Ives sounds here – in a performance which does full justice to its lapel-grabbing force, its dirt of commonplaces and its ethereality – like a challenge waiting to be discovered.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

RADIO

# War-jaw jars when peace breaks out

In the field of inert platitudes, this drab piety: "Let's just hope that having won the war they can now establish the peace," takes some beating; in the realm of verisimilitude it is a non-starter. Only somebody with a Teflon tongue and Kevlar ears would consider uttering it in the first place, but the speaker was Peggy in The Archers (Radio 4, Sunday) and not John Major, after all. In the country we like our barnyard dialogue seeded with topicality, even if that means getting the BBC to supply last-minute inserts for soap operettas.

Among the chattering classes it is the consensus that Radio 4 had a good war, attracting little of the incoming fire sustained by television coverage and only managing to annoy grouches such as your correspondent, who cannot abide the reception on long-wave. The outbreak of peace on the FM band has meant that close attention can be paid to such as the last of The Radio 4 Debates (also Sunday), from the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House. On the eve of the prime minister's first visit to Moscow, the motion that "The time has come for the West to stop supporting President Gorbachev" was proposed by a former British ambassador to the Soviet Union and seconded by a Soviet exile who accused the present regime of using the Gulf war as a smokescreen to commit mass murder in the Baltics and rob old-age pensioners of their savings.

Heady stuff: the opposition – which chiefly relied on the argument of the devil you know – was fronted by an American sometime Salt negotiator. It is worth repeating what this latter gentleman actually said of his hero, the Nobel laureate: "He has removed the Soviet jackboot from the necks of the Central Americans. I'm sorry – the Central Europeans." Laughter supervened from the assembled diplomats and academics, obliging Sifta Sam to extemporise: "We've still got our jackboot on the Central Americans." He was trying to be funny. The motion was defeated 55-45.

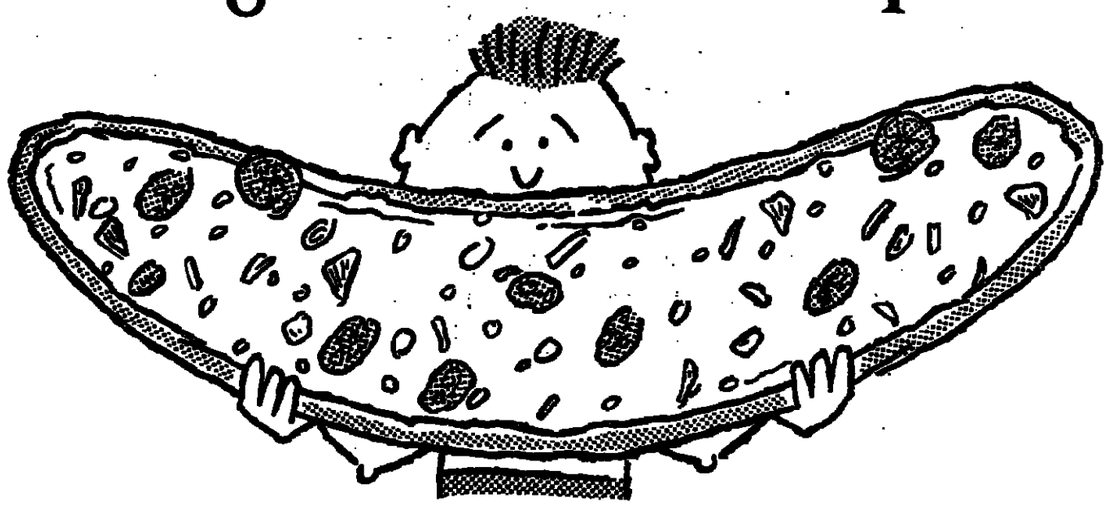
Ecuador Days (same frequency) had a quartet of middle-aged men from Barnsley lounging around a microphone and reminiscing with soft voices about their former incarnation as a beat-group of the early 1960s. The career of The Ecuadors was perhaps less than distinguished; modern recordings of their repertoire suggested several reasons why they enjoyed less of a global impact than their contemporaries from Liverpool. Their career seems to have consisted in the main of playing sets between bingo sessions in halls where the MC reminded the audience to refrain from urinating through letterboxes on the way home. At one gig an epic fight developed out of a factual argument as to whether or not Tom Jones, the singer, starred in *Tom Jones*, the film.

MARTIN CROPPER





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# Regency removed to the Raj

THEATRE

## The Rivals
Citizens, Glasgow



Living for tiffin and reliving youthful memories: Tristram Jellinek as Sir Anthony Absolute

JUST when the Citizens' style for the Nineties seemed stuck in bare boards and resonant words, along comes this lavish, colourful production of Sheridan's *The Rivals*, set not in 18th-century Bath but in Bat somewhere in India in the 1920s. Such a transposition, of course, has no textual justification, yet this bold treatment affords marvellous opportunities for a sumptuous set, a witty production, a clutch of fine comic performances and the odd *coup de théâtre*. And the text's element of social criticism, especially about the status of servants, emerges in the Raj setting with an additional layer of racial tension.

Designer Julian McGowan has set the play on a cool, red-tiled veranda with fretwork walls and gilded elephant-head pillars supporting a canopy of dense, dark-green tropical foliage. He swamps the Citizens stage — famous until now for its monochrome and minimalism — with colour and light. The overall effect, with entrances made up steps at the front of the stage, is striking, though the final scene of a temple with erotic carvings set against the twinkling stars does verge on the vulgar. McGowan's period costumes, black and white flapper dresses for the women and linen suits for the men, are superb.

This exotic setting seems to inspire director Robert David MacDonald and his cast of old Citizens hands. Tristram Jellinek, in particular, gives a wonderful performance as a crafty, colonial Sir Anthony Absolute who lives for tiffin and to relive the memories of his romantic youth. He is matched by Ellen Sheean's Mrs Malaprop: a formidable society matron, as oblivious of her singular use of language as she is secure in her social position. Only at the end does she attract any sympathy — for her horror at the thought of being the talk of the gentlemen's clubs of the subcontinent.

The most exquisite performance comes from Debra Gillett as Lydia Langnish. Moving from studied gesture to studied gesture, she is every inch the hopeless romantic, though one weaned on silent films rather than novels. She seems to expect that at any moment Rudolph Valentino will carry her off. Failing that, elopement with Tristram Wymark's dashing Captain Absolute in jodhpurs will do. As her maid, Lucy Anne Myatt relishes her opportunity to revel in the duplicity she practises on men who fall in love with her mistress. The epilogue to the play tells us that women "guide the plot" in society: apart from Rupert Farley's consummate comic performance as Bob Acres, the men in *The Rivals* certainly have little to do except look handsome and behave stupidly.

Perhaps because of the invention needed to make the leap from Regency to Raj, there were some moments lacking in pace and sparkle. Doubtless this will come. The Citizens has always been a theatre of surprises and the sensuality of this *Rivals*, coming after so many more cerebral productions, should win Sheridan many new friends.

ALASDAIR CAMERON

## NEW RELEASES

AVALON (U): Enjoying personal saga about immigrant experience and post-war breakup of family life, by Rain Man director Barry Levinson. Fine performances by Armin Mueller-Stahl, Joan Plowright.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

BUDDY'S SONG (12): Roger Daltrey as an ageing pop musician whose tedious marital problems are resolved through the musical talents of his son. Director, Claude Whatham.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

C'EST LA VIE (12): Evocative autobiographical recollection by French director Diane Kurys: a childhood seaside holiday scored by marital breakup. With Natalie Baye.
Barbican (071-638 8891).

GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

## CURRENT

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Oscar nominee Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumière (071-836 0691) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 9705) Rendr (071-837 8402).

DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Nominated for 12 Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

DECEMBER BRIDE (PG): Irish tale of a strong-willed servant girl; bogged down by dour atmosphere, but enlivened by Saskia Reeves. Director, Thaddeus O'Sullivan.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears' disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston.

Annette Bening, stranded in a glassy limbo.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ KINDERGARTEN COP (12): Upright cop (Arnold Schwarzenegger) becomes kindergarten teacher. Bland, cute comedy, awkwardly mixed with violent shoot-outs.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9998) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

MEET THE APPLEGATES (15): Insects in human form succumb to American vices. Lunatic satirical comedy from *Heathers* director Michael Lehmann. Ed Begley Jr, Stockard Channing.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillman's wickedly ironic comedy of manners set among New York's debutantes and preppies. Witty dialogue, elegant direction. With Edward Clements, Carolyn Farina.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Minerva (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

MILLER'S CROSSING (18): Prohibition gang warfare from the brothers Coen: brooding, labyrinthine, over-laden with words and smart artifice. Gabriel Byrne, Albert Finney.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Gate (071-727 4043).

MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history.
Premiere (071-439 4470) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith.

Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress; Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ REVERSAL OF FORTUNE (15): Oscar nominee Jeremy Irons as the inscrutable Claus von Bulow, tried for the attempted murder of his wife. Brilliant unravelling of a recent enigma; director, Barbet Schroeder.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ THE RUSSIA HOUSE (12): Serpentine spy games with Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer. Muted thriller from John Le Carré's novel; director, Fred Schepisi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-437 9996) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci. With John Malkovich and Debra Winger.
Plaza (071-437 9996).

SHORT TIME (12): Dabney Coleman as a cop who believes he has a fatal illness. Ignore the sentiment and savour the black comedy. Director, Gregg Champion.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ THREE MEN AND A LITTLE LADY (PG): Horrendous sequel to *Three Men and a Baby*, piled high with archaic comedy wheezes. Director, Emile Ardolino.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

TILAI (PG): Formidably beautiful African tale of love versus village traditions from Idrissa Ouedraogo, director of *Yaaba*.
Metro (071-437 0757) Rendr (071-637 8402).

TO SLEEP WITH ANGER (18): Charles Burnett's magical tale of a surprise visitor (Danny Glover) bringing superstition and evil into a troubled Los Angeles family.
Metro (071-437 0757).

## CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

## THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☑ ALL IN THE WRONG: Sam Walters' bright new theatre opens with an amiable 18th-century romp of sexual misunderstandings.
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (081-940 3633) Underground/BR: Richmond. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins. Closes March 30.

☐ THE BATTLE OF AUGHRIM: Muddled though intriguing 18th-century heroic tragedy as performed by 18th-century Thespians. London-Irish arts festival production.
The Irish Centre, Murray Street, NW1 (071-424 3155) Underground: Camden Town. Tonight-Thurs, 8pm.

☐ CHILDREN OF EDEN: Genial musical links round Genesis, supplied by John Caird and Stephen Schwartz.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins.

☐ THE CORN IS GREEN: Patricia Routledge in revival of Emlyn Williams's first-staged success, now past its sell-by date.
Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) British Rail Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins. Closes March 16.

☑ CROMWELL: Imaginative staging of Brendan Kennelly's poem sequence on Anglo-Irish violence. 80 minutes of dense, vivid imagery. London-Irish arts festival production.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 15mins. Closes March 16.

☐ DECEPTIONS: Revenge drama concerning a psychiatrist (Anna Carteret) and her young client. Fairly thin stuff.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916) Underground: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs. Closes March 17.

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686) Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

☐ THE ROUND TABLE: Christoph Hein's dour Arthurian parable of East German malaise in the late Eighties.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes March 16.

■ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish fairytale journo sued for libel.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☑ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's autumnal production, stressing comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Diedrie Lander.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

☐ WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing presented in the aspic of Joe Orton's wit.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs.

■ THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Alan Bennett's enchanting new version, with jolly sets popping up on the revolve.
National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252) Underground: Waterloo. Tonight, 7.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Absurd Person Singular: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ Hidden Laughter: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ... ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ... ■ Les Miserables: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) ... ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ... ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5399) ... ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) ... ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) ... ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).
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## TODAY'S EVENTS

Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061-236 9922), 7.15pm.

OPERA 80: The company's spring tour oozes vitality and freshness with Stephen Metcalf's ingeniously simple staging of Mozart's *Magic Flute* and Mark Dornford-May's vibrantly coloured production of Donizetti's *Don Pasquale*.
Towngate Theatre, Kingsland Road, Poole (0202 685222), 7.30pm.

PAST AND PRESENT: The Whitechapel Art Gallery is featuring what appears to be an unlikely combination of present and past: a group of recent Australian landscapes by Michael Andrews and a loan show of 26 paintings by Albert Pinkham Ryder. Ryder is virtually unknown in Britain; whether admirers of Andrews' large, fine-spun and understandably popular paintings of Ayers Rock and other places, will respond positively to Ryder's mostly small, moss-grown symbolic landscapes, is debatable.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 0107), 11am-5pm.

POETRY RECITALS: In the Voice Box, Irish poet and novelist Brendan Kennelly — whose 180-poem sequence on Cromwell opened at London's Bush Theatre this week — reads a selection of poetry, including some from his latest collection, due to be published later this year. Belfast poet Catherine Byron shares the bill. At the Poetry Society, the popular stand-up comic John Hegley whose collection *Glad to Wear Glasses* was published by André Deutsch recently, gives a reading with musical accompaniment.
Voice Box, South Bank Centre, Level 5 (red side), London SE1 (071-921 0943), 7.30pm. Poetry Society, 21 Earl's Court Square, London SW5 (071-373 7861), 7.30pm.

SPRING LOADED: This week's showcase for independent choreographers includes Earthlist Dance from Cardiff, fusing live music, film and text (tonight); a solo piece by Angela Woodhouse (tomorrow); and the lively Phoenix Dance Company (Thurs-Sat).
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

THEATRE

## The House of Bernarda Alba
Nottingham Playhouse

"HELENA Bonham-Carter in *The House of Bernarda Alba*" screams the publicity; and the eternal baby-face, wistful, troubled or vaguely rebellious, is plastered over programme and posters. Even given a new emphasis on the daughters rather than the matriarch, what smacks of catch-penny publicity is faintly insulting to accomplished young actresses such as Alison Peebles or Sonia Ritter.

Pip Broughton's direction excels at evoking a family feeling: these women really are sisters, prowling, sweltering and dreaming in overheated oppressiveness, emotional as much as physical. Simon Vincenzi's design is brilliantly stark: white, right-angled, doors and side-rooms allowing glimpses of eavesdroppers. The sparse furniture is rearranged for each of the three acts, giving different viewpoints of this cubist catacomb, harsh, all-revealing and inescapable. The production's great strength lies in its absence of Anglo-Saxon Latinisms; no phoney temperament here. By conveying the physical surroundings, the performance makes the seething sexual volcano in the heart of the family seem natural, indeed inevitable.

The weakness is in Pip Broughton's direction of Bernarda Alba herself. No terrifyingly tyrannical dictator to five cowed daughters, the intelligent Rosalind Knight is given little to do except stalk in and out, ramrod-backed, and occasionally let fly with her cane. This is the least explored characterisation, and brings unsuitable audience laughter.

The senior players create two convincing performances. Evie Garratt's mad old grandmother is lucid enough to be touching rather than merely grotesque; and Britta Smith's housekeeper is a natural, with the shrewdness, superstitions and remembered sensuality of a sun-baked peasant culture.

As the defiant beauty who steals her sister's fiancé, Helena Bonham-Carter is prosaic, modern and Anglo-Saxon. She would not have stood for this maternal oppression for five minutes. The spinsterish sister she wrongs is wonderfully played, with Fidelis Morgan's stylish and painful blend of dignity and absurdity. The production remains gripping, from the agonisingly slow curtain-rise to each act to the offstage battering of the restless stallion's hooves. What can strike a British audience as melodramatic symbolism here sounds a warning of elemental forces at work.

MARTIN HOYLE

ROCK

## David Lee Roth
Wembley Arena

AN IRREPRESSIBLE showman, David Lee Roth has got where he is primarily by dint of athletic energy, brass neck and sheer force of personality. His limited vocal range has long been obvious, the quality of his writing questionable, but while he was the frontman of Californian hard-rock headliners Van Halen, his talent to thrill and enthral was properly earthed by the weight of musicianship around him. Now at 35, having been a solo act for seven years, he is showing early signs of turning into a heavy-metal version of Gary Glitter.

The climax of his Wembley show was tacky beyond belief. While his five-piece backing band hammered out "Yankee Rose", Roth sneaked out to a boxing ring set towards the back of the auditorium. After delivering an old Van Halen number, "Ain't Talkin' 'bout Love", from the ropes, he mounted a huge inflatable "microphone". Carried precariously by half-a-dozen roadies this phallic vehicle wobbled back towards the stage where a pair of giant fishnet-stockinged legs were now spreadeagled to either side of the musicians. Out of breath, off-balance and waving to his fans like the queen of some cut-price carnival, Roth attempted to sing his (and the Beach Boys') old hit, "California Girls", a tune which, as he has often demonstrated, he could not carry in a suitcase.

Throughout the performance Roth conducted affairs like a circus ringmaster, pausing between numbers to deliver feeble Mae West-style one-liners — "I gave up drinking, smoking and screwing around; it was the worst ten minutes of my life" — and generally turning what had the makings of a good rock 'n' roll show into a sleazy burlesque wherever possible.

The backing musicians all gave a good account of themselves. But they were a fairly anonymous bunch, and with virtuoso guitarist Steve Vai out of the fold, no member of this new band has come forward to fill the sparring-partner role which is so necessary to counterbalance Roth's entertaining bluster.

Overshadowed by a ludicrous five-high wall of Marshall speaker cabinets stretching the width of the stage, Roth and the band were at their most impressive when playing the hell-for-leather, double bass-drum boogies "It's Showtime" and "Hot for Teacher". The bluesy songs, "Tell the Truth" and "Lady Luck", touched a soulful chord, but too often Roth's preening and posturing rang hollow.

DAVID SINCLAIR

RECITALS

## Coull/Alban Berg Quartets
Wigmore Hall/ Queen Elizabeth Hall

FOR a composer who has always preferred to cultivate a tonal process that is organic rather than synthetic, Robert Simpson has not lacked opportunity in commissions or performances. His 70th birthday last Saturday was marked by the first of three programmes by the Coull Quartet. The others follow on Thursday and Saturday: each includes one of Simpson's recent chamber works.

The opening choice was his 1987 String Quintet: a remarkable essay in sustained and compelling intellectual stimulation. In a single 35-minute movement of Brucknerian scale there is no bar that is empty of cogent thought, while the overall span proclaims a fine sense of musical proportion.

With Roger Bigley as the extra viola, the playing underlined the intensity generated mainly through linear writing and narrow intervals, bearing out the composer's remark in another context: "Intervals remain eternally what they are, but there are always new ways of hearing them."

The Coull was also heard in a spritely account of Haydn's, G Major Quartet, Op 33 No 5, with a welcome *gravitas* in the Largo movement and folksy character in the finale. But Dvořák's "American Quartet" sounded unduly precious and mannered.

Another quartet series began on Sunday at the South Bank with the Alban Berg Quartet in the first of three programmes to include the six Bartók quartets. Nos 1 and 4 made a complementary pair, the former harking back to a romantic past while testing a possible way forward, the latter a magnificent assertion of individuality.

This time the performances were for the most part thoughtful, the Quartet No 1 favoured with commendable restraint in its melancholy central movement but lacking some sharpness of character elsewhere. All five movements of No 4 were in their different ways superbly assured, not least the muted *prestissimo* writing.

In this series each Bartók pair encloses some Mozart. If some special pleading was needed to deny the alleged "cold perfection" of the D Major Quartet, K575, this performance had it in abundance.

NOEL GOODWIN

WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 20*

**SINGULT**
**(c) A sob, from the Latin *singultus* a sob; eloquent old Sir Thomas Browne: "When her teares were stopt from eyther eye,/Her singults, hinbbrings, seem'd to make them flye/Out at her oyster-mouth."**

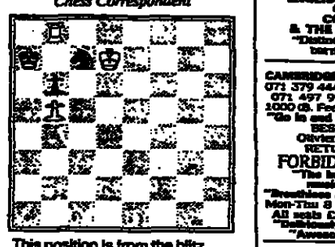
**EXUVIAE**
**(a) Cast skins, shells or coverings of animals, from the Latin *exuere* to divest oneself: "Fossils and other marine exuviae which are found imbedded on the tops of mountains."**

**JIBBLE**
**(a) To pour splashingly or unsteadily, verb transitive and intransitive, Scottish dialect of uncertain origin: "Two men-scavengers with the sting and say can carry more water conveniently than ten single persons can do with an open jirbling tub between their hands."**

**ZUCHETTO**
**(b) The skullcap of an ecclesiastic, covering the tonsure, Italian diminutive of *zucca* a gourd: "They should take off their zuchettos in the act of genuflecting."**

WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*



This position is from the blitz game Capablanca — Lasker, played in 1914. It looks as if Black will be able to draw, as he is attacking the White rook and pawn, but White now turned the tables. Can you see how?
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## BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 Breakfast News
9.15 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a discussion on step-parents 9.55 Regional news and weather
10.00 News and weather 10.05 Playdays 10.30 Dish of the Day prepared by Rosemary Moon 10.40 Going for Gold. Quiz game with European contestants presented by Henry Kelly (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today. Includes *Health UK* which this week examines allergies
12.00 News and weather 12.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club. Keep fit series 12.20 Scene Today. Live entertainment from Pebble Mill presented by Judi Spiers and Tim Grundy 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold. Host Henry Kelly invites European contestants to compete for a Kenyan safari holiday.
2.15 Film: Obsession (1948, b/w). Robert Newton stars in a gripping drama about a doctor who kidnaps, imprisons and torments his wife's lover (played by Phil Brown), with the intention of murdering his rival in an acid bath. Directed by Edward Dmytryk. Northern Ireland: Open House 3.00 Best of British 3.25 The Flintstones
3.50 Blitsa. Caitlin Easterby and Simon Pascoe show children how to recycle household junk 4.05 Hokey Wolf. Cartoon 4.10 Jackanory. Part two of *The Unlucky Family*, written by Mrs Henry de la Pasture and read by Penelope Wilton 4.25 Quick Draw McGraw. Cartoon 4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow presented by Terry Nutkins, Chris Packham and Sue Dawson. Featuring a look at the inhabitants of Cotswold Wildlife Park
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 17 of the 20-part drama serial set around the pupils of a comprehensive school. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: neighbours
7.00 Holiday '91. Anne Gregg and Esmonn Holmes present the travel show. This edition is devoted to holiday ideas for children and families, including a football holiday at Bobby Charlton's Soccer School, and a *Swallows and Amazons* break in the Lake District. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. More slanging matches with the residents of Albert Square. (Ceefax)
8.00 Dad's Army. Classic comedy with the home front soldiers. The platoon is chosen for "special duties", but things get out of hand when a secret weapon runs amok (r). (Ceefax)



Skating round the wrong answers? Joanne Conway (8.30pm)

8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman hosts the quiz show which appeals even to those who hate sport. Team captain Bill Beaumont is joined by sports car champion Martin Brundle and jockey Richard Dunwoody, while Ian Botham is in the company of Joanne Conway, Britain's top woman skater, and Arsenal and England footballer Lee Dixon. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: Murder in the City of Angels. (1988). Post-second world war Los Angeles provides the setting for this powerful made-for-television thriller, a pilot for a series that never happened. George Peppard plays a detective Frank Dooley of the LA police department, engaged in a struggle with the mob for control of the city. Kathryn Harrold co-stars as a war widow afraid of committing herself to Dooley in case she is widowed again. Directed by Steven H. Stern. (Ceefax) Wales: Week in Week Out 10.00 Film: Murder in the City of Angels 11.35 Animation Now
11.05 Film '91 Special: Francis Ford Coppola. Coppola talks to Barry Norman about the *Godfather* trilogy, his daughter's role in the latest film and his image in the media. Northern Ireland: 1992 — the European Challenge 11.35-12.20am Open House
11.45 The Barry Awards for Comic Relief. Another dose of Barry Norman when he previews his part in next week's Comic Relief appeal by announcing the seven nominees for the "Barry Awards"
12.00 Weather. Wales: Film '91 Special 12.40am News and weather

## BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Discovering Physics. Acceleration at constant speed 7.10 Technology. Bridging the Gap. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Daytime On Two
2.00 News and weather followed by You And Me (r) 2.15 In The Garden: March. Dennis Comish advises gardeners on preparing bedding plants for summer 2.30 A Day in the Life of . . . A Head Chef. Alan Ford's day ends when the last course is finished at sumptuous Hintlesham Hall (r) 2.35 See Hear! (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the popular word quiz
4.30 Fighting Talk. John Lloyd talks to Michael Brophy, director of the Charities Aid Foundation, which distributes more than £80 million a year to charities, about the controversies and dilemmas involved
5.00 Advice Shop. Will MP Emma Nicholson be able to persuade Parliament to make it illegal for employers to discriminate against disabled people?
5.30 Gardeners' World. A look at daffodils (r)
6.00 Film: The Best Things in Life Are Free (1956) starring Gordon MacRae, Dan Dailey, Ernest Borgnine, Sheree North. A jaunty musical biopic of the popular Twenties songwriting team of De Sylva, Brown and Henderson and featuring many of their hits, including "Black Bottom" and "Sonny Boy". Directed by Michael Curtiz
7.45 Assignment: Bridging the Gulf. How much has the Palestinian cause been damaged by the PLO's support for Saddam Hussein? John Nicolson reports from the Middle East
8.30 Nature: Look Who's Talking.
● CHOICE: A new run of the environmental series is launched with an untypical edition which is perhaps more suited to a children's slot. For children are not only the subject but to a large extent the participants, leaving Michael Buerk in a topping and tailing role. A three-part report highlights the teaching of environmental issues in schools, a legal requirement in England and Wales from the autumn, before going on to look at the plight of children in the third world (familiar material but well worth repeating). The final segment is a youngsters' view of the United Nations children's summit in New York. *Like all* the best reporters they do their best to doorstep the world leaders. George Bush eludes them but prime minister Mulroney of Canada stops for a word and there is a head-to-head with the president of the Maldives. (Ceefax)
9.00 Twin Peaks. In the aftermath of Maddy's death, Cooper knows he is close to his quarry. (Ceefax)
9.50 Taking Liberties: Who Will Listen to Mary Winch? In 1972 Mary Winch started legal action about a seemingly small property dispute. Twenty years and countless solicitors later this has led to a criminal record, imprisonment, the loss of her savings and the disappearance of her settled way of life. Her barrister believes the legal system has failed her.

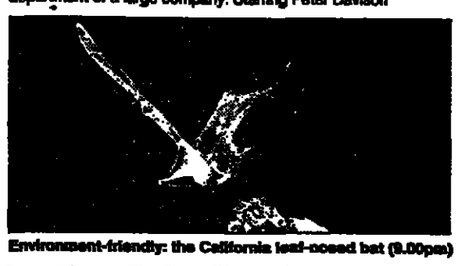


Enthusiastic guide to Michelin: Tessa Blackstone (10.20pm)

10.20 Building Sights: The Michelin Building, London.
● CHOICE: Tessa Blackstone gets on her bike to celebrate the art nouveau Michelin building (1911), reminding us that the company's tyres have shod two-wheelers as well as cars. Those hoping for an academic appraisal from the master of Birkbeck College will be disappointed. She is far too besotted for that. She plays proper tribute to François Espinasse, the architect whose first building it was, but is more concerned to give her approval to what has happened in the last decade. Incredibly, the Michelin building was nearly demolished in the early Seventies but Terence Conran and Paul Hamlyn came to the rescue and bought it. The tyre company has gone and in its place are a Conran shop, Hamlyn's publishing company and a restaurant. There has been much restoration, all to Lady Blackstone's taste
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: The Present in the Past — Authenticity in Greek Drama. Ends at 12.30am

## ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series hosted by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnegan
12.05 Rod, Jane and Freddy. For the young 12.25 Thames News and weather
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Take The High Road 2.50 Give Us A Clue. Celebrity charades
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families.
3.55 The Wombles (Oracle) 4.05 The Return of Dogtanian 4.30 All Change. Comedy drama serial starring Frankie Howerd
5.00 Home And Away (r)
5.30 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Advice for young people on obtaining employment
6.00 Blockbusters with Bob Holness 6.30 Thames News
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports compares drug addiction treatment in Amsterdam with that of London health authorities
8.00 The Bill: Closing the Net. The Sun Hill detectives are in pursuit of a child-molester who threatens to strike again. (Oracle)
8.30 Fiddlers Three. Formula comedy series set in the accounts department of a large company. Starring Peter Davison



Environment-friendly: the California leaf-nosed bat (9.00pm)

9.00 Survival Special: The Secret World of Bats.
● CHOICE. The latest offering of Anglia Television's wildlife strand rescues the bat from its reputation as a dark destroyer and presents it as a friend of the environment which we neglect at our peril. By pollinating plants and dispersing seeds, bats play a vital role in sustaining the world's ecosystems, not least in tropical rain forests. They also perform the valuable task of consuming huge quantities of agricultural pests. Furthermore, they produce excellent fertiliser. The argument is illustrated with superb footage, much of it shot at night when bats come to life. As on so many nature documentaries, the cameraman is Dieter Plage. With sometimes dizzying speed, the programme whisks us to and fro across the globe, from Texas to Australia and from Africa to the Pacific. Everywhere the message is the same: the survival of bats depends on us, our survival may depend on them
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 First Tuesday: Twenty-First Century Medicine.
● CHOICE: A report from the United States rounds up recent developments in the mind-over-body approach to tackling serious diseases. The claims are big, and seemingly well substantiated, although medical orthodoxy continues to be sceptical. The boldest is that many heart deaths are preventable without recourse to drugs or surgery. Instead of carrying out operations, as he used to, Dr Dean Ornish of the University of San Francisco prescribes a course of meditation, yoga and exercise. Turning to another big killer of the western world, the programme reports how women with advanced breast cancer can double their life expectation thanks to hypnosis and other mind-based therapy. The second item is an interview with Joe Giarratano, a convicted murderer whose case was taken up by *First Tuesday* in 1986 and 1989. Last month Giarratano was reprieved after 12 years on death row
11.40 Championship Boxing. The British featherweight championship from the London Arena. Sean Murphy from St Albans meets Gary DeRoux of Peterborough
12.30 This Week: 35 Years on The Front Line. *In Friendship and Forgiveness.* A report by Peter Taylor on the Queen's visit to Northern Ireland in 1977, banned at the time because it was considered unpatriotic
1.00 Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup
1.30 How Was It For You? Henry Kelly asks Toyah Willcox, Beryl Bainbridge and Mike Scott what effect large sums of money made on their lives
2.00 Film: An Innocent Woman (1986). A French mystery drama starring Catherine Wilkening as an aspiring actress whose fantasies are overtaken by reality. Directed by Pierre Boutron
4.00 Entertainment UK. A guide to the best of British entertainment
5.00 Coming of Age. American comedy series (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

## CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 News summary
12.05 The Parliament Programme. A review of parliamentary business in the Lords and Commons presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.
1.00 Sesame Street. Educational entertainment for pre-school children
2.00 Film: A Man About the House (1947, b/w). Dated drama about two prim and innocent English girls who suddenly inherit an Italian villa and leave their gloomy boarding school for the balmy climes of Naples. One falls for the Mediterranean passions of a handyman, who marries her with the intention of relieving her of her fortune. Kieron Moore stars as the dashing Italian with Margaret Johnston and Dulcie Gray as his prey. Directed by Leslie Arliss
3.45 Third Wave: The Future to Look Forward To. Age discrimination can be a handicap for those over 55. This edition explodes the stereotypes and looks at the older people who challenge the myth that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks"
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game with Ned Sherrin in the "Dictionary Corner" and Carol Vorderman marking the sums
5.00 Boom! Andrew Miller, Jane Pardoe and Elizabeth Banks present the programme for young people with special needs. Matters supernatural are to the fore today when some youngsters take a ghost-hunting trip to York and the natural world is explored on a wildlife trail
5.30 Same Difference. Should Britain adopt a system of "no fault" compensation for the victims of medical accidents? The programme reveals that Britain's five million disabled people currently have to prove blame or negligence and face a long drawn-out and acrimonious court battle if they seek compensation for injuries or illness
6.00 Duet. Diverting American sitcom in which upwardly mobile Ben and Laura face the thorny question of whether to have children
6.30 Remote Control. British version of the unusual MTV comedy quiz show. Anthony Wilson grills the three unsuspecting contestants and throws in a few surprises
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)
7.50 Comment followed by Weather




Ostracised by his own community: a black gay (8.00pm)

8.00 The Black Bag: Black Out. Series investigating controversial issues facing black and Asian communities. The antagonism between minority groups is demonstrated by this look at attitudes towards homosexuality. Gay couples speak of ostracism and rejection by their families and church and the myth, prevalent in black culture, of the macho black male. One black youth declaims "black gays — worse than child molesters". It is depressing proof that the victims of bigotry can be equally bigoted themselves
8.30 Nature Watch: Rhino. Only one large herd of African black rhino is left on Earth and a war is being fought to save them. Julian Pettifer visits the herd in Zimbabwe and watches the effort to move the rhino to safety
9.00 Without Walls: Black Athena. Where did civilisation start? Professor Martin Bernal puts the case that the dark-skinned Egyptians and Phoenicians were pivotal in the formation of world civilisations and refutes the received view of the white heritage of the Greeks. Bernal also confronts his critics who accuse him of replacing one racist myth with another
10.00 Eurocops: Debts of the Night. Rome's red-light district is the setting for this last episode of the international detective series. Commissioner Corso is on the case of a kidnapping and murder in Italian with English subtitles.
11.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Crimes Against Women. Last in the series of the prurient chat show with Oprah tackling the seamier side of society. Victims of rape and other horrific crimes relate their stories to a voyeuristic studio audience while Oprah moralises on the reality of crime in New York
11.50 Channel 4 News — Midnight Special with Nicholas Owen. Ends at 2.00

## TV FOUNDATIONS

### ANGLIA

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 Food Guide 12.40 The Making of Dances with Wolves 1.10 Almost Grown 2.05 The Concert 3.05 The Twilight Zone 3.30 Entertainment UK 4.30 All Action Sport Specials 5.00-5.30 Five Live

### BORDER

As London except: 1.50pm Santa Barbara 2.20-2.50 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sick Kids 12.50am Superstars of Wrestling 1.50 Film: Break in the Circle 3.35 Night Beat 4.35 Word of Mouth 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

### CENTRAL

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 The Works 11.50 Fight Night 12.50am Film: Horror at 37,000 Feet 2.15 Books by my Bedside 2.45 The Invisible Man 3.15 The Concert 4.15-5.35 Central Jobfinder

### GRANADA

As London except: 2.50pm-3.15 Sons and Daughters 5.00-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Home Style 12.50am Superstars of Wrestling 1.50 Film: Break In the Circle 3.35 Night Beat 4.35 Word of Mouth 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

### HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Chain Reaction 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.50am Donahue 1.45 Ski Tips 2.15 Film: Eavesdropping 4.05 Marquee Anniversary 4.65 Word of Mouth 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder.

### HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Day Return 12.50-1.50 Preview: Call Block H.

### SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 5.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Scotland's Story 7.30-8.00 Do That Seo? 12.50 Almost Grown 1.45 Word of Mouth 2.15 Bedrock 3.15 Short Story Theatre 3.45 Raw Power 4.45 An Invitation to Remember: Dame Anna Neagle 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

### TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Simply Delicious 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.00-5.30 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Ark on the Move 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.50 Film: Break In the Circle 3.35 Night Beat 4.35 Word of Mouth 5.00-5.30 Farming News

### TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Coast to Coast People 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 A Taste of the South 12.40 Schmarack 2.25 Wind 3.25 Kayak 4.20 Jack Thompson Down Under 4.45 Country Ways 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

### TYNE TEES

As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Something to Treasure Special 12.50 Superstars of Wrestling 1.50 Film: Break in the Circle 3.22 Night Beat 4.32 Word of Mouth 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

### ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Headstart 12.50 Superstars of Wrestling 1.50 Film: Break in the Circle 3.35 Night Beat 4.35 Word of Mouth 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

### YORKSHIRE

As London except: 6.00pm Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Tiso 12.40 The Young Riders 1.40 Ski Tips 2.10 Sharpies 3.10 Music Box 4.10 Word of Mouth 4.40-5.30 Jobfinder.

### S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Yagolion 12.05 Stoecial 12.10 Pobol y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Stot Mastmin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 The New Age 2.30 The Late Late Show 3.30 Land of Hope 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.40 Hano 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Hano 6.40 Pobol y Cwm 7.00 Gorau Gari 7.30 Grafiti 8.00 The Wonder Years 8.30 Newyddion 9.00 The Orchid House 10.05 The Golden Girls 10.35 Without Walls 11.35 Short and Curlies 11.50 C4 News Midnight Special 2.00 Diwedd

### RTE 1

Starts: 12.30pm Talkabout 1.00 News 1.35 The Painter's World 2.05 Perry Mason 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Knots Landing 5.20 Cusqquao 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Head to Toe 8.00 Check Up 8.30 Simply Delicious Fish 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Arts Express 10.40 St Elsewhere 11.30 News 11.40 Close

### NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.35pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 5.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.06 Cuisai 7.30 Glenroe 8.00 News; The Streets of San Francisco 9.00 As Seo Amach 9.30 News; Cop Rock 10.25 Nightmews 11.05 News 11.25 Dail Report 11.45 Close

## SATELLITE

### SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.50 Penel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.30 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Football 8.30 Hitchhiker 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Pages from Skytext

### SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 8.30 Nightline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Newsline 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 ABC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 ABC News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 European Business Today

### SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Lad: A Dog (1992) Family drama about a young crippled child whose life is enriched by a new pet dog. Starring Peter Brack and Peggy McCay
12.00 Cheaper by the Dozen (1950) Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy star in this good-natured comedy about a couple and their 12 children, whose household is run with mathematical precision
2.00pm A Bunny's Tale (1985) Kiddie Alley stars as an investigative journalist who goes undercover at a Playboy club
4.00 The Pinchcliffe Grand Prix (1981): A fast-paced car race adventure for children
6.00 A Man and a Woman (1966): Anouk Aimee and widower Jean-Louis Trintignant meet and fall in love
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Hiding Out (1986): A yuppie whizz-kid falls foul of the mob and returns to school disguised as a teenager. Starring Jon Cryer
10.00 The Cage (1989): Lou Ferrigno casts as a brain-damaged Vietnam veteran who is persuaded by gangsters to take part in a brutal form of combat
11.45 Death Wish 3 (1985): Another outing for vigilante Charles Bronson
1.15am Lady Beware (1987): A window dresser's provocative displays attract unwanted attention
3.00 Gordon's War (1973): A Vietnam veteran returns home to find his wife is hooked on drugs
4.30 The Shout (1979) Alan Bates and John Hurt star in this intriguing thriller about a mental patient who claims he can kill with a shout. Ends at 5.55

### EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 British Formula 3 Motor Racing 8.30 International Handball 9.30 International Motor Sport 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 World Matchplay Snooker 1.00pm Golf 2.00 NHL Ice Hockey 3.00 Rodeo Showdown 3.30 Men's European Cup Basketball 4.30 International Pole Vaulting 5.00 Spanish Goals 5.30 Indoor Athletics 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Preview of the 1991 Formula 1 Season 8.00 WWF Wrestling 9.00 German Rally Championships 9.30 1990 Formula 3 Power Boat Season 10.30 Big Wheels 11.00 International Handball 12.00 Eurosport News 12.30am World Match Play Snooker

### SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Go 8.00 Spain Spain Sport 8.15 Spanish Football Highlights 8.45 Ten Pin Bowling 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 NBA Basketball 1.00pm ATP Wolvo Tennis Indoor Men 3.00 Pro Boxing 5.00 Step-Rhythmic/Artistic World Cup Gymnastics 6.00 US Pro Ski Tour Grand Slalom 6.45 Ten Pin Bowling 8.00 Live Pro Box 10.00 Argentina Football 11.00 World Snooker Classics

### MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

### LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Lifestyle Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 The Best of Europe 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Lifestyle Tea Break 4.05 Mary 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.05pm Africa, Texas Style (1967): Hugh O'Brian stars as the cowboy in the pilot for the American television series, *Cowboy in Africa*
3.50 The Movie Show
4.15 Gray Eagle (1976) Western adventure in which Ben Johnson searches for his daughter, who has been kidnapped by Indians
6.00 Guts and Glory — Part Two (1989): Dramatic treatment of the Oliver North story, tracing his meteoric rise and fall
7.35 The Movie Show
8.00 Supercarrier (1987): Top Gun-style action as pilots on the aircraft carrier USS Georgetown land off a Russian bomber
10.00 Martin's Day (1984): Richard Harris stars as a jail-breaker who kidnaps a young boy and heads for the wilderness
11.35 The Serpent and the Rainbow (1987). Nightmarish tale of an anthropologist who uncovers voodoo powers in Haiti capable of raising the dead
1.15am Cross Country (1983) The boyfriend of a murdered girl is kidnapped by an insane nymphomaniac and her protector and driven at gunpoint across America. Starring Richard Beymer. Ends at 3.00

### THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.30pm Racing Today 2.00 Superbouts 3.00 Live Test Match Cricket 7.30 Live Scottish FA Cup Football 9.30 Live Test Match Cricket 11.00 Racing Today 11.30 GM Talks To . . . Richard Hadlee 12.00 Test Match Cricket 1.00am Scottish FA Cup Football

### THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
7.00am Twenty-one hours of rock and pop

## RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Concert piece in D minor: LSO, with Thea King, clarinet, Georgina Dobrée, basset horn); Schumann (Papillons: Andrei Gavrilov, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Elgar (Sursum Corda: Bournemouth Sinfonietta); Paganini (Violin Concerto No 2 in B minor: LPO, with Salvatore Accardo, violin); Dvořák (Symphonic poem, The Noonday Witch: SNO)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune; Trois mélodies; Suite, Pour le piano; De fleurs, Proses lyriques; Nocturnes)
9.35 Home and Abroad: Gershwin (An American in Paris: Seattle SO); Schumann (Winterzeit I and II: Angela Brownridge, piano); Bach (Capriccio On the Departure of a Beloved Brother, BWV 993: Gustav Leonhardt, harpsichord); Szalowski (Trio for oboe, clarinet and bassoon: London Wind Trio); Carl Arnold (Piano Sextet: Einar Steen-Nokleberg, piano, Isaac Shulcman, violin, Ole Bohn, violin, Lars Tomter, viola, Oystein Birkeland, cello, Knut Guettler, double bass); Holst (Hammersmith, Op 52: London Wind Orchestra); Schubert (Gretchen am Spinnrad: Elly Ameling, soprano, Jörg Demus, fortepiano); Auric (Trio in D for oboe, clarinet and bassoon: London Wind Trio); Milhaud (A Frenchman in New York, Op 399: Boston Pops Orchestra)
12.00 Ulster Orchestra under Nicholas Cleobury, with Radoslav Kvapil, piano, performs Smetana (Overture, The Bartered Bride); Janáček (Adagio); Dvořák (Piano Concerto in G minor) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Two Quintets: Medici Quartet performs Anthony Payne (Consort Music); Mozart (Quintet in G minor) (r)
2.00 Music Weekly (r)
2.45 Don Quixote of the Cello: Lyndon Jenkins with the third of six programmes in which he recalls the life and career of Paul Tortelier. Tchaikovsky (Suite for solo cello, Op 76); Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor: CBSO under Louis Frémaux); Lyndon Jenkins talks to Louis Frémaux; Walton (Cello Concerto: Bournemouth SO under Paavo Berglund)
4.15 Saxophone Sonatas by Phil Woods and Edison Denisov. Played by John Harle, alto saxophone, and John Lenehan, piano (r)
4.50 French Organ Music: Colin Walsh plays the second of two programmes from Lincoln Cathedral. Widor (Symphony No 5, first movement); Vierne (Canzona; Marche funèbre; Prelude; Madrigal; Carillon)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Natalie Wheen
7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear
7.30 In the Works: Musical machines and mechanical music from Haydn, Stravinsky, Nancarrow, Moscolov and Lyadov
7.45 BBC SO at the Barbican: Sixtieth Anniversary Season. Live from the Barbican Hall, London, Mark Wigglesworth conducts Britten (Prelude and Fugue for 18-part string orchestra); Muldowney (Three Pieces for Orchestra — first performance). 8.25 The Protective Mask of Buffoonery. Eric Roseberry considers Mahler's use of tragic irony and the grotesque and their influence on Shostakovich. 8.45 Shostakovich (Symphony No 10)
9.50 Drama Now: Making It Better
● CHOICE: James Saunders's new work is not so much a play as a series of discussions with the common denominators of sexual politics (wife has two lovers, one being the lover of her homosexual husband) and political politics (wife's two lovers are Czechs, and the period is 1989). That, in all conscience, would be material enough (and to spare!) for most playwrights, but not for Saunders. He mixes in debates about the nature of reality and abstraction. Hard listening, but a splendid cast — Deborah Findlay, Michael Tudor Barnes, Frank Kovacs, John Bluthal — sugars the pill
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Frank Bridge (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

## RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Gethin Abraham-Williams (s) 6.30 Today, with Peter Hobday and Brian Redhead, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Paul Heiney: 071-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: Where the Kids Are At, by Alex Ferguson. Read by Avril Elgar
10.45 Daily Service
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Just a Job: David Jackson Young discovers what life is like for the newsvendor (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the last programme in the series. With Tim Brooke-Taylor, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Barry Cryer (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour; introduced by Jenni Murray. Includes a discussion on female violence; Kathleen Griffin investigates the myth of Maid Marian; and there is a tea-tasting session
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
3.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre (LW only): Along Came Bill. In Mike Hall's début play, Sheila (Janet Maw) waits in vain for a phone call from Nigel. Bill (Michael Siberry), an Australian, invites her to a village cricket match, leaving Sheila's flat mate Caroline (Kate Lynn Evans) alone in the apartment
3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes (LW only) with the French horn soloist Barry Tuckwell, who is 60 this week
4.00 News
4.05 Age to Age: Barry Cunliffe, Elizabeth Longford and Sean Street examine the legacies of Queen Victoria's reign
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Author William Styron talks about artistic depression, the subject of his book *Darkness Visible*; there is a review of A.L. Barker's collection of short stories, *Any Excuse for a Party*; Lucy Duran reports on Trevor Nunn's new production of Shakespeare's *Timon of Athens* at the Young Vic; and the American singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell's latest album, *Night Ride Home*, is reviewed (s)
5.00 PM, with Valerie Singleton and Frank Partridge 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue. Entertaining Edwin. The second of a six-part comedy by Stephen Sheridan
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Mandla Themba reports from the black township of Soweto on the prospects for peaceful change among a generation of young South Africans bred on militancy and violence
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Lent Observed: The Trial. The third of six programmes in which journalists with a personal faith reflect on the Passion story. Sean MacReamoinn, one of Ireland's leading commentators on political and religious affairs, reviews the trial of Jesus
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.15 Kaleidoscope-(s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) 9.58 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Secret Pilgrim. The seventh of a ten-part adaptation, written and read by the author, John Le Carré
11.00 The Radio Programme, with Laura Taylor (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-89.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

## RADIO 5

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jase Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Can You Stest It? (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Kate Boyle 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford: Round British Cookery Competition 4.00 Debbie Thrower 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 At Home with Hinge and Bracket (r) 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 Leading Ladies: Vanessa Lee presents the first of six programmes on the British musical theatre (r) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 John Terrell with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

## RADIO 2

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.45 How We Worked Then: Medicine. Memories of working life in the Twenties and Thirties 11.00 Sport 11.02 As Radio 4 11.25 Sound Advice. Debt problems. Tel 0345 909 693, incl 12.00 Sport 12.30pm Landmark: The natural history of Wales 1.00 Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (broadcast at 10.25am) 2.30 World Service: Health Matters 2.45 Europe's World 3.00 Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Sport 4.05 Indian Pacific. Islamic resurgence in Malaysia 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit: Rosemary Leach reads the seventh of a ten-part adaptation of Judith Kerr's novel 7.35 Jacob Two-Two and the Hooded Fang: The first of a three-part comedy series by Mordecher Richler 8.00 Starting Out: Employment 8.30 The Answerphone: Is the "traditional" family unit on the way out? Tel 0345 909 693 from 8pm 9.30 Hit the North, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 11.08 World Service: Your World 11.23 Business Matters 11.35 The World Today 11.53 Words of Faith 11.56-12.05am Sport

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00am German Features 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.58 Weather and

# Labour goes on the alert for June election

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

PLANNING for a June general election by the two main parties intensified last night as Labour went on "full election alert" and the Conservatives prepared to have a draft manifesto ready by Easter.

Labour's campaign strategy committee, which comprises members of the shadow cabinet, the national executive and trade union leaders, was told that the party organisation was ready for an election in May or June.

John Underwood, the party's director of campaigns and communications, told the committee that John Major's honeymoon period, the end of the Gulf war and the deepening recession might increase pressure for an early election. He said that although there were divisions within their leadership about timing, the Tories might be tempted to "cut and run" on May 2, the day of the local elections, in an effort to ease their difficulties over finding a solution to the poll tax problem.

Mr Underwood predicted, however, that the election would be about the performance and potential of the economy. The committee agreed to step up campaigning on the economy and to attempt to pin personal responsibility for the recession on Mr Major, who served as chief secretary to the Treasury and Chancellor before becoming prime minister.

The campaign will focus on Conservative responsibility for two slumps. Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, told the committee: "The Tories have nothing new to offer. If re-elected they will take Britain through the same routine of short credit-led consumer boom followed by inflation, then deflation and then another recession. These Tories are people who cannot see a mistake without wanting to repeat it."

As the Labour team was meeting it was disclosed that at least half the specialist Conservative manifesto groups have reported to Central Office, and the remainder will have finished their work within the next few days. Chris Patten, party chairman, and Sarah Hogg, head of the Downing Street policy unit, are expected to have the first draft of the manifesto ready by Easter in case Mr Major decides on June.



Pub patrol: Security forces patrolling outside Boyles public house in Cappagh, east Tyrone, where four men were shot dead on Sunday night. Three were killed in the car shown in the picture and the fourth inside the pub. Two of the four, all Roman Catholics, were said to have been regarded as suspect terrorists and a third had appeared in court three years ago accused of unlawfully collecting information. The men were named as John Quinn, aged 23, unemployed, Thomas Armstrong, 52, and Malcolm Nugent, 20, an engineer, all from Cappagh, a republican stronghold, and Dwyane O'Donnell, 17, from the nearby village of Galbally. Police were yesterday interviewing two men about the killings. The Ulster Volunteer Force, which admitted carrying out the attack, said some of the victims were IRA members. Report, page 3

## Political sketch

# Owt to say, but who's listening?

REACHING Ribble Valley on the A59, one is greeted by a field of orange posters, a field of blue posters and, in the road itself, an extravagantly squashed ginger tom. The blue posters recommend a vote for Nigel Evans, Conservative, on Thursday. The orange posters recommend Mike Carr, Liberal Democrat. The ginger tom has no recommendation and will sadly miss Thursday.

I had not realised what a genteel town Clitheroe is. The coffee shop is full of Northern ladies in brown fluffy hats, eating scones. They are always there. It is impossible to know whether they are the same ladies, as Northern ladies are interchangeable. "String 'em up, that's what I say," I heard one munch to another, over her scone.

They will approve of Nigel Evans. He has a nice smile and all his arguments start with an assured "the fact is ...". At his press conference yesterday Evans looked more relaxed than his distinguished guest, the very intense health secretary, William Waldegrave. The television people, behaving, in the manner of television people, like pigs, kept interrupting the proceedings by banging their hardware and switching on and off their lights. The last straw came when a journalist asked Evans a cocky question about "the spineless Al Sabah family" in Kuwait.

Evans blinked. "The fact is," he said, that most people in Clitheroe would say ...

"... Where's Kuwait"? suggested the reporter. Waldegrave scowled. Evans cruised on. "You see," praised Waldegrave, "*he* doesn't get irritated."

"When the lights go off I will hit him," smiled Evans.

The health secretary departed for some photo opportunities of a hospital. I crossed the road to the Liberal press conference.

Hard put to give a precise definition of the word "hapless", I would offer Mike Carr and his ginger moustache as a visual demonstration. He looks and sounds a decent, honest sort of chap, and may care to reconsider his future in politics.

"Liberal Democrats have a six point plan," he began, hopelessly, as the television people crashed and blundered about.

I wandered into the drizzle in search of Labour's campaign, and founded it at the Stalward carpet factory. "They're over there," a workman forklifting a roll of carpet directed me, "but she" (Josie Farrington, the Labour candidate) "won't be winkling a vote out of me."

She didn't try. Hear this, reader: John Smith, the Labour Treasury spokesman, and his candidate toured that factory without speaking to a single working man, or woman.

"Nobody's said 'owt," a shop-floor woman told me.

"All the major tufted manufacturers are our customers," said the company secretary to an enthralled Mr. Smith. Mrs Farrington said nothing. I dodged about, trying not to get in the camera's way — for these were important "establishing" shots of Mr Smith looking at carpet looms.

Women workers peered curiously from windows as the red-rose-in-a-green-spray-lapelled party wafted by, shaking hands with men in ties. Mr Smith was trying to conclude that the industry had been hard hit by interest rates.

"We're very busy," a woman in the dye shop confided in me.

The party took their leave as cars swept up for them. "Thank you," I could hear Josie Farrington saying, as she left, "thank you. Interesting. But *very* worrying."

"We can cope," the company secretary kept trying to insist. "... *very* worrying," said Mrs Farrington.

Matthew Parris

# Air-sea hunt for trawler widens in force 7 gale

By Alice Thomson

A SEA and air search was continuing yesterday for the three-man crew of a trawler that disappeared off the north Cornwall coast while fishing for sole. The search, in heavy seas, began on Sunday night when the 12ft Lady Sylvia, registered in Exmouth, Devon, failed to report back by 11.30pm.

"It is an extremely dangerous part of the coast," a coastguard in Falmouth, Cornwall, said. "We have saturated the area with vessels and helicopters. The boat just seems to have disappeared but we are not giving up."

A lifeboat from Padstow was scanning the sea ten miles west of Bude with the help of three fishing vessels, a German coaster, a Sea King helicopter from RNAS Culdrose, Cornwall, a coastguard helicopter from Solent fitted with infra-red cameras and a Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft from St Mawgan.

Searches were being carried out along the rocky north Cornwall coastline and a Royal Navy survey ship HMS Fawn has also joined the search. "Conditions out there are still pretty bad. There's a heavy sea running, a 7/8 gale force wind, visibility is poor and it is overcast and raining," the coastguard said. "This area is notoriously tricky to navigate for smaller vessels, especially during a strong gale."

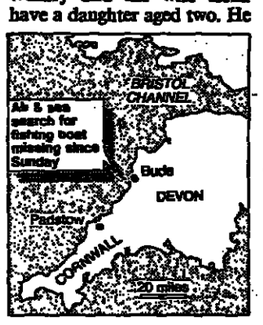
The Lady Sylvia was being skippered by her owner, Kenneth Walkey, aged 31, from Exmouth, Devon. Mr Walkey and his wife Zena have a daughter aged two. He is a former merchant seaman and an experienced fisherman who has been fishing off the south-west coast for five years.

His wife said last night: "I don't know anything about what has happened. I'm so worried." Mr Walkey's mother, Joyce, said: "We are still hoping that he is alive. There is a possibility that they are on life-rafts."

Geoff Ingram, an Exmouth lifeboatman, said: "This has hit us all very hard. We are a close community and it has come as a terrible shock. Kenneth is very well known and very well liked in the town, especially among the other fishermen."

He said that Mr Walkey was always ready to help out with the lifeboat and had been on rescues several times. "We can't imagine what can have happened to the boat out there."

The other crewmen on the Lady Sylvia were John Harris, from Padstow in Cornwall, and Paul Robinson, from Fleetwood, near Blackpool.




# Saddam threatened as cities fall to rebels

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forces had used tanks and heavy weapons to try to suppress the revolt. The sound of explosions could be heard in Khorramshahr, 25 miles away. Bayan Jabr, the pseudonym of a member of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution, said in Damascus that Baath party officials were surrounded inside the Iraqi Red Crescent building and a Basra hospital.

The Iranian government-controlled *Tehran Times* supported the revolt and called for an end to Saddam's rule in favour of a popular government. The paper gave a warning against the army seizing power in Baghdad.

Kuwaiti government officials said they were not worried by an Islamic revolution in Iraq. Abdul-Rahman al-Awadi, the minister of state for cabinet affairs, said he hoped the instability would give the Iraqis a chance to have a new leader. In Washington, the White House drew some encouragement from the unrest, saying it represented "a degree of opposition and public response to Saddam Hussein that we have never seen in the past".

# Two 'unknown' Britons among freed PoWs

Continued from page 1

Baghdad, said the organisation would meet with Iraqi officials to discuss release of the other allied prisoners. "The first batch of allied prisoners of war was only made as a goodwill gesture by the Iraqis and they have to work out plans for repatriation of the rest of them," Mr Wigger said.

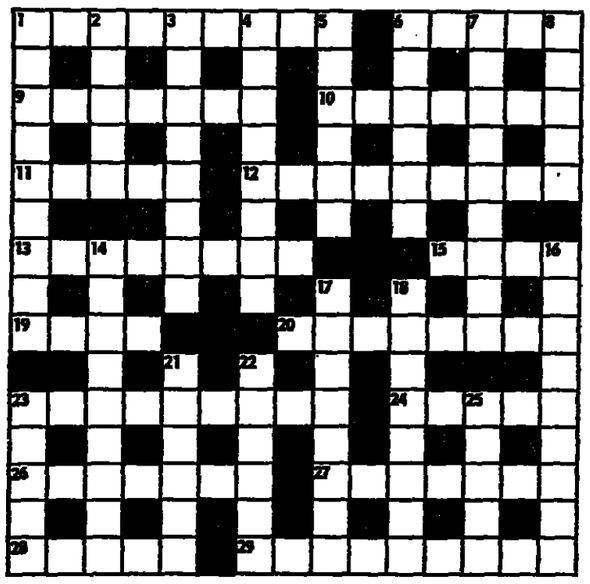
He said the Red Cross did not have access to the PoWs and did not know how many Iraq was holding. "We understand this will be the beginning of a long process to liberate all the PoWs, the Iraqis and the allies," Mr Wigger said.

The allies yesterday freed about 300 Iraqi prisoners-of-war, as part of the agreement reached on Sunday at Safwan, the southeast Iraqi air base occupied by the Americans.

The other missing RAF men are: Flying Officer Simon Burgess, aged 23, and his navigator, Squadron Leader Bob Ankerson, aged 40; Wing Commander Thomas Elsdon and Flight Lieutenant Robert Collier; Flight Lieutenant David Waddington and Flight Lieutenant David Stewart; Squadron Leader Garry Lennox and Squadron Leader Kevin Weeks; and Flight Lieutenant Rupert Clark and Flight Lieutenant Stephen Hicks.

A full exchange of allied and Iraqi prisoners of war could be completed in as little as two weeks, provided Baghdad did not "throw up any obstacles to the swap", a Red Cross official said. No Iraqi prisoners of war would be repatriated against their will, the Red Cross said.

# THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,545



**ACROSS**

1 Circus float without a licence carries clown (9).
6 Penny takes notes of debts, that's good (5).
9 One who works fan, but not quietly (7).
10 Cartilage in right leg — it's torn (7).
11 Anchor gets linked, generally amidships (5).
12 Poet's developed into a lush, if one may use the expression (2,2,5).
13 When a murder is involved, nothing is hidden or protected (8).
15 24 head off for an island (4).
19 Calling for glib talk (4).
20 Obliged to see two points (8).
23 Start off as a pedestrian group (3,2,4).
24 The marines generate heat (5).
26 Siren, I note, is a mythical creature (7).
27 It involves many people after a complaint (7).
28 Order a cooker (5).
29 Art seldom abused by an artist (3,6).

**DOWN**

1 Vote against — there are seven for putting it in (9).
2 No man is this famous (5).
3 Dished, i.e., did the dishes (6-2).
4 Criminal causing anxiety in Germany (8).
5 Garment close to your upper parts (6).
6 Father sticks nose into Times leader (6).
7 Those people in 25 are improving (2,3,4).
8 Arab leader of unstable movement, some say (5).
14 Dwarf in the militia? (9).
16 Meant more changes in a pressure gauge (9).
17 We have an agent out east, from there (8).
18 To start right, I will have a pancake... (8).
21 ... to finish, I have a vegetable... (6).
22 ... because I do without (6).
23 Stern cut short in part (5).
25 Standing before getting caught (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,544

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | H | A | R | L | A | D | Y | | P | R | I | S | O | N |
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| M | | I | | S | | L | | S | | A | | R | | L |
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| A | | A | | | | N | | C | | A | | | | O |
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| E | | T | | M | | | | | | E | | N | | A |
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## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

**SINGULT**
a. Guilty sin
b. The herring gull
c. A sob

**EXUVIAE**
a. Cast-off skins
b. Midnight Mass
c. Old grape skins

**JIBBLE**
a. To pour splashily
b. A mouselike desert rodent
c. A Riff woman

**ZUCHETTO**
a. Sweet pasta rings
b. An ecclesiastical skullcap
c. A courgette

*Answers on page 18*

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## WEATHER

Southeast England and East Anglia will be cloudy with some rain. Northeast England and the Midlands will be mostly cloudy but quite bright. Western England and Wales will have some sun and a few showers. Northern Ireland and much of Scotland will have sunny spells and showers, but northern Scotland will have a cloudy start with some rain in the northern isles. Outlook: mild with outbreaks of rain.

## ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow, h=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 16 | 61 | s | Malaga | 17 | 63 | f |
| Alicatri | 16 | 61 | f | Malta | 16 | 61 | c |
| Alex'dria | 18 | 64 | c | Melb'rne | 23 | 91 | s |
| Algiers | 24 | 75 | s | Mexico C* | 23 | 73 | s |
| Amst'dm | 11 | 52 | s | Miami* | 30 | 86 | f |
| Athens | 8 | 46 | c | Milan | 11 | 52 | c |
| Barbados* | 29 | 84 | s | Montreal* | -4 | 25 | c |
| Barcelna | 14 | 57 | c | Moscow | 0 | 32 | s |
| Belgrade | 7 | 45 | f | Munich | 3 | 37 | c |
| Berlin | 10 | 50 | s | Nairobi | 28 | 82 | s |
| Bermuda* | 23 | 73 | s | Naples | 19 | 66 | s |
| Biarritz | 13 | 55 | f | N Delhi | 22 | 72 | f |
| Borde'x | 14 | 57 | c | N York* | 14 | 57 | f |
| Brussels | 16 | 50 | f | Nice | 16 | 61 | s |
| Budapst | 5 | 41 | s | Oslo | 2 | 36 | s |
| B Aires* | 33 | 86 | c | Paris | 11 | 52 | s |
| Cairo | 18 | 64 | c | Peking | 13 | 55 | s |
| Cape Tn | 21 | 70 | s | Perth | 30 | 86 | s |
| C'blanca | 21 | 70 | s | Prague | 5 | 41 | f |
| Chicago* | 3 | 37 | sn | Reykjavik | 3 | 37 | f |
| Ch'church | 16 | 61 | c | Rhodes | 13 | 55 | s |
| Cologne | 8 | 46 | s | Rio de J | 30 | 86 | s |
| C'phgn | 4 | 39 | c | Rome | 17 | 63 | s |
| Corfu | 16 | 61 | f | Salzburg | 8 | 46 | s |
| Dublin | 7 | 45 | r | S F'risco* | 14 | 57 | s |
| Dubrownik | 15 | 59 | f | Santiago* | 30 | 86 | s |
| Faro | 18 | 64 | c | S Paulo* | 22 | 72 | c |
| Florence | 19 | 66 | c | Seoul | 9 | 48 | s |
| Frankfurt | 7 | 45 | c | St'kholm | 1 | 34 | sn |
| Geneva | 10 | 50 | f | Strasb'rg | -5 | 41 | c |
| Gibraltar | 15 | 59 | c | Sydney | 28 | 79 | s |
| Helsinki | -1 | 30 | d | Tangier | 17 | 63 | s |
| Hong K | 18 | 64 | c | Tel Aviv | 18 | 61 | s |
| Innsbruck | 13 | 55 | s | Tenerife | 16 | 61 | d |
| Istanbul | 6 | 43 | f | Tokyo | 13 | 55 | s |
| Jo'burg* | 28 | 79 | f | Toronto* | -4 | 25 | c |
| Karachi | 24 | 75 | s | Tunis | 18 | 64 | s |
| L Palmas | 20 | 68 | f | Valencia | 15 | 59 | f |
| La Tquet | 10 | 50 | c | Vanc'ver* | 7 | 45 | r |
| Lisbon | 17 | 63 | c | Venice | 14 | 57 | s |
| Locarno | 11 | 52 | c | Vienna | 5 | 41 | c |
| L Angels* | 15 | 59 | f | Warsaw | 7 | 45 | c |
| Luxemburg | 6 | 43 | f | Wash'ton* | 18 | 64 | c |
| Luxor | 28 | 82 | s | Wel'ton | 17 | 63 | c |
| Madrid | 15 | 59 | s | Zurich | 6 | 43 | c |
| Majorca | 18 | 64 | s | | | | |

* denotes figures are latest available

## LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.11 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, Nil.

## TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.57 | 2.35 |
| Austria Sch | 21.50 | 20.10 |
| Belgium Fr | 62.50 | 58.50 |
| Canada $ | 2.303 | 2.153 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.71 | 11.01 |
| Finland Mrk | 7.42 | 6.97 |
| France Fr | 10.33 | 9.69 |
| Germany Dm | 3.05 | 2.85 |
| Greece Dr | 327 | 307 |
| Hong Kong $ | 15.35 | 14.35 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.145 | 1.075 |
| Italy Lire | 2280 | 2140 |
| Japan Yen | 272 | 255 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.43 | 3.22 |
| Norway Kr | 11.91 | 11.21 |
| Portugal Esc | 265.50 | 248.50 |
| South Africa Rd | 5.65 | 5.05 |
| Spain Pta | 189 | 176 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.33 | 10.65 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.84 | 2.47 |
| Turkey Lira | 7000 | 6000 |
| USA $ | 1.99 | 1.87 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 35.00 | 27.00 |

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## SUNSHINE

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | 4.2 | .02 | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Anglesey | 7.3 | .15 | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Belfast | 1.5 | .03 | 7 | 45 | shower |
| Birmingham | 7.4 | .17 | 10 | 50 | bright |
| Blackpool | 3.8 | .02 | 8 | 46 | shower |
| Bognor Regis | 8.3 | .02 | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Bournemouth | 7.0 | .16 | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Brighton | 8.0 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Bristol | 7.4 | .01 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Buxton | 5.4 | .17 | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Cardiff | 8.1 | .02 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Clacton | 5.5 | .01 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Cromer | 7.9 | .07 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Douglas | 2.0 | .16 | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Edinburgh | 3.3 | - | 8 | 46 | bright |
| Eskdalemuir | 0.1 | .21 | 4 | 39 | fog |
| Folkestone | 7.7 | .01 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Guernsey | 8.8 | - | 14 | 57 | sunny |
| Hastings | 6.6 | .01 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Hunstanton | 7.5 | .03 | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Jersey | 8.5 | - | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Leeds | 7.3 | .04 | 8 | 46 | shower |
| Lerwick | 0.2 | .25 | 6 | 43 | shower |
| Littlehampton | 6.4 | .03 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Lowestoft | 7.7 | .05 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Minehead | 7.4 | .04 | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Morecambe | 1.0 | .21 | 6 | 43 | shower |
| Nottingham | 7.1 | .02 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Poole | 6.5 | .09 | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Scarborough | 4.3 | .06 | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Shanklin | 8.3 | .03 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Southend | 6.9 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Southsea | 6.1 | .01 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Stornoway | 2.9 | .11 | 8 | 46 | shower |
| Swanage | 6.6 | .10 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Tenby | 8.2 | .24 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Tiree | 0.8 | .29 | 7 | 45 | shower |
| Weymouth | 5.8 | .11 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Wick | 1.2 | - | 5 | 46 | bright |
| Worthing | 6.3 | .01 | 10 | 50 | sunny |

These are Sunday's figures.

## SCOTLAND

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.09 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, Nil.

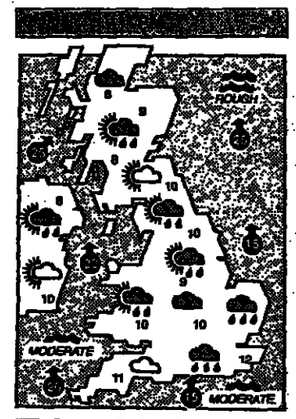
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Sunday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Times, Inner Hebrides, 0.31 in; highest sunshine: Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, 9.2 hr.

London 6.47 pm to 6.26 am
Bristol 5.57 pm to 6.46 am
Edinburgh 5.54 pm to 6.59 am
Manchester 5.55 pm to 6.47 am
Penzance 6.10 pm to 6.56 am

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 75 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, Nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,008.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

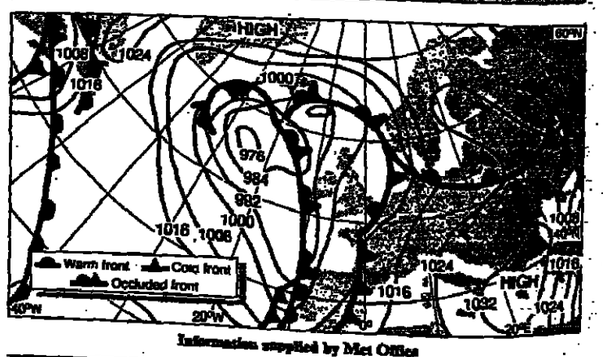
Sun rises: 6.38 am
Sun sets: 5.47 pm
Moon sets 7.47 am
Moon rises 12.08 am

## TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT | TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 4.30 | 7.1 | 4.51 | 6.9 | Liverpool | 1.41 | 9.0 | 1.58 | 8.9 |
| Aberdeen | 3.53 | 3.9 | 4.06 | 4.0 | Lowestoft | | | 12.36 | 2.1 |
| Avonmouth | 9.53 | 12.7 | 10 10 | 12.2 | Margate | 2.30 | 4.7 | 2.58 | 4.4 |
| Belfast | 1.40 | 3.2 | 1.59 | 3.5 | Milford Haven | 8.53 | 6.7 | 9.10 | 6.4 |
| Cardiff | 9.38 | 11.8 | 9.55 | 11.4 | Newquay | 7.45 | 5.7 | 8.03 | 5.4 |
| Devonport | 8.18 | 5.3 | 8.33 | 5.1 | Oban | 8.03 | 3.7 | 8.27 | 3.5 |
| Dover | 1.30 | 6.6 | 1.45 | 6.2 | Penzance | 7.48 | 5.1 | 8.03 | 4.8 |
| Falmouth | 7.48 | 5.1 | 8.03 | 4.8 | Portland | 7.22 | 5.4 | 7.38 | 5.2 |
| Glasgow | 3.24 | 4.5 | 3.29 | 4.7 | Portsmouth | 8.21 | 2.0 | 9.40 | 1.9 |
| Harwich | 2.20 | 4.0 | 2.42 | 3.7 | Shoreham | 2.04 | 4.5 | 2.17 | 4.4 |
| Holyhead | 12.46 | 5.3 | 1.04 | 5.3 | Southampton | 1.36 | 6.2 | 1.55 | 5.9 |
| Hull | 9.00 | 7.1 | 9 12 | 7.3 | Swansea | 1.25 | 4.4 | 1.40 | 4.2 |
| Ilfracombe | 8.39 | 8.7 | 8.52 | 8.4 | Tees | 8.58 | 9.2 | 9.12 | 8.9 |
| King's Lynn | 9.12 | 6.1 | 9 17 | 6.3 | Weston-on-Nze | 6.21 | 5.0 | 6.35 | 5.2 |
| Leith | 5.18 | 5.1 | 5.44 | 5.2 | | 2.13 | 4.2 | 2.36 | 3.9 |

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

## TODAY




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# BUSINESS

Business Editor
John Bell

TUESDAY MARCH 5 1991

## Power sell-off going well

A TOTAL of 260,000 applications for shares in the two electricity generators, National Power and PowerGen, have been received from the public, applying for an average investment of about £1,500.

Government advisers to the float say the offer is therefore two thirds subscribed. Final applications must be in by 10 am tomorrow.

On the unofficial "grey market" operated by IG Index, the financial bookmaker, last night PowerGen was trading at 126p and National Power at 120p, against a part-paid price of 100p each.

## Libel action

David Abell, the chairman and chief executive of the engineering conglomerate Suter, has spent between £100,000 and £250,000 of his own money in legal costs pursuing a libel action.

Mr Abell is suing Channel 4 and the makers of a television programme, *The Insiders*. A Department of Trade and Industry enquiry has not yet been completed.

The company announced a 31 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £24.0 million from £34.8 million for the year to end December. Mr Abell said the company had spent £20 million buying its own shares at an average price of 170p.

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## ASW up 1.5p

ASW Holdings, the steel and wire group, says pressure on margins that was evident in 1990 has continued into 1991. Pre-tax profits last year were £40.3 million (£40.4 million) on a turnover of £454.3 million (£451.1 million). The 8p final dividend makes 12.5p (11p) for the year.

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## Persimmon falls

Pre-tax profits at Persimmon, the York housebuilder, dropped 11 per cent to £28.8 million in the year to end-December. The dividend is again increased, with a final payout of 4.85p (4.5p), giving a 10 per cent increase in distribution to 7.15p (6.5p).

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### THE POUND

US dollar
1.8970 (–0.0030)
German mark
2.9132 (–0.0020)
Exchange Index
93.7 (same)

### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1918.1 (–0.1)
FT-SE 100
2382.9 (–4.0)
New York Dow Jones
2931.68 (+21.78)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25976.02 (+94.45)

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### MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyds | 351½p (+9p) |
| Burtonwood Brewery | 128½p (+11p) |
| Coats Viyella | 138p (+15p) |
| Yorkshire Chem | 382½p (+16p) |
| Harrison Ind | 74½p (+10p) |
| Johnson Cleaners | 454p (+10p) |
| J Hewitt | 150½p (+12p) |
| Antofagasta | 405p (+17p) |
| British Vita | 245p (+12p) |
| Christies Int | 227½p (+17p) |
| Friendly Hotels | 235p (+10p) |
| Geest | 317½p (+24p) |
| Glaxo | 986½p (+15p) |
| Hawker Siddeley | 564p (+15p) |
| Kelsey Ind | 442½p (+15p) |
| Cannon Street Inv | 90p (+10p) |

FALLS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Grand Met | 722p (–10p) |
| Scot & Newcastle | 386½p (–11p) |
| Cadbury-Schweppes | 351p (–10p) |
| ASW | 251½p (–13p) |

Closing prices

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 12$^{11}/_{16}$-12⅛%
3-month eligible bills:11$^{13}/_{32}$-11⅜%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.07-6.06%*
30-year bonds 95$^{18}/_{32}$-95⅝*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.8970 | £: $1.8970* |
| £: DM2.9132 | $: DM1.5365* |
| £: SwFr2.5373 | $: SwFr1.3394* |
| £: FFr9.9109 | $: FFr5.2320* |
| £: Yen257.14 | $: Yen135.50* |
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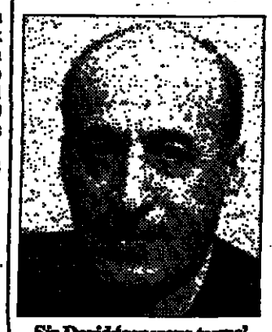
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# Coats returns with half-price bid for Tootal

By Michael Tate, City Editor

COATS Viyella has made its long-awaited bid for Tootal, the rival threads group. The offer, which values Tootal at £193.7 million, almost exactly half the price agreed between them two years ago, has been rejected by Tootal as "unwelcome and unrealistic."

Terms of the bid are 65p in cash for each Tootal share, which compares with the 133p accepted by the Tootal board before the Monopolies & Mergers Commission intervened in May 1989. However, Sir David Alliance, the chairman of Coats Viyella, claimed that the current offer values Tootal shares more highly than the previous terms, given the fall in Tootal's earnings per share in the past two years.



Sir David: 'generous terms'

Sir David said the offer represented "not only a generous multiple of historic earnings, but also reflects Tootal's prospects and the potential merger benefits".

Coats Viyella, one of the world's largest textile groups, with interests in manufacturing, processing and distributing sewing thread, for industrial and domestic use, already owns 29.4 per cent of Tootal, acquired from Abe Goldberg, an Australian entrepreneur, in 1989. The stake was purchased after Coats agreed merger terms with Tootal, but a Monopolies Commission reference delayed the deal, and the two parties subsequently failed to agree on revised terms.

The bid comes at a desperate time for the textile industry, as results from Coats for the year to December, published yesterday, demonstrate. Sir David reported a drop in pretax profits from £137.4 million to £105.6 million, and announced a cut in the final dividend, from 6p to 4p, making 7p for the year against 9p last time.

Sir David said that profits and margins reflected the difficult market conditions throughout the year in Britain and particular economic problems in Brazil, which alone accounted for half the fall in profit. A further £5 million of profit evaporated in unfavourable exchange rates.

A higher tax charge, due to the greater proportion of profits arising overseas, and a higher minority interest allocation, left earnings per share disproportionately lower, at 9.6p against 15.1p.

However, there was net cash inflow of £28.6 million, helping the group wipe £53.2 million off borrowings, to reduced gearing from 15 to 10 per cent at the year-end. Coats believes a pro forma balance sheet of a combined Coats and Tootal would indicate a gearing level of about 34 per cent.

Sir David said yesterday a merged group would rank as the leading worldwide industrial thread supplier, offering opportunities for economies through cost reductions and better sourcing.

Tootal chief executive Anthony Habgood, said however, Tootal had a strong future as an independent group.

Tootal shares responded with a 6p rise to 71p, in the expectation Coats may have to raise its offer to win, while Coats Viyella shares jumped 15p to 138p.

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DES JENSON

Offering more: Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman of Sears (left), and chief executive Michael Pickard yesterday

# Sears bids £150m for Grattan

By Gillian Bowditch

SEARS, the retail group which owns Selfridges, Saxone and Wallis, is bidding £150 million for Grattan, the mail order arm of Next. Sears' bid is £10 million more than the offer from Otto-Versand, the German mail order group, which Next has recommended.

Sears, which has been in talks with Next over the sale of Grattan for some time, officially made its offer last Thursday with a request for outstanding details of the agreement with Otto. Geoffrey Maitland Smith, Sears' chairman, says he has not had Next's reply.

David Jones, chief executive of Next, and a team of bankers from Lazards, Next's advisers on the deal, were in Hamburg in talks with Otto yesterday. Otto said it was not prepared to comment at this stage on whether it would match Sears' offer. Sears said it was prepared to enter into a contract with Next on the same terms and conditions as those in the agreement with Otto. In addition Sears would pay £10 million more for Otto and would also pay interest at LIBOR from February 1, 1991, until completion of the deal.

Were Sears to be successful in its offer, it would merge Grattan with Freemans, its mail order business, which would give it about 27 per cent of the British mail order market and rank it second equal with Littlewoods by size. Great Universal Stores, which owns Kays, is Britain's biggest mail order group with about 36 per cent of the market. There is a possibility that the Sears offer could lead to an investigation by the monopolies and mergers commission were it to succeed. Otto's acquisition of Grattan is subject to clearance by the European Commission.

Next's shareholders will decide whether to approve the Otto offer at an extraordinary general meeting to be held on Wednesday March 13.

Shares in Next rose 1p to 31½p, valuing the group at £112 million, and Sears shares were unchanged at 91p.

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# Morrison only British firm to win Kuwaiti contract

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

MORRISON Construction Group, a privately owned Scottish company, was the only British group to win work in the first round of contracts to restore services and repair buildings in Kuwait.

American companies were awarded four contracts. One Saudi and one Kuwaiti contractor are also believed to have won orders.

The relatively small share of work awarded to British companies raised the prospect of a disagreement over work-sharing between member nations of the coalition that helped to liberate the Gulf state. Wimpey, one of nine British companies that failed to win work under a $46.3 million 90-day programme supervised by the US Army Corps of Engineers, said it was "extremely disappointed".

Costain Group was also disappointed. Both said they would continue to pursue larger contracts in the main reconstruction programme.

Saud Nasir al-Sabah, Kuwaiti ambassador to America, reiterated Kuwait's commitment to awarding contracts for reconstruction to American, British and French companies. He said: "Our policy is not to forget our friends who stood with us in time of need."

The contract won by Morrison is believed to worth almost £2 million. The company, based in Edinburgh, will undertake emergency repairs to water and sewage mains at a fixed daily rate.

Fraser Morrison, who bought control back from Charter Consolidated 18 months ago, was "delighted". He said 20 specialists would leave for the Middle East at this week. A labour force of 80 had been selected in Saudi Arabia, and equipment had already been arranged there.

The trade department has established a six-man team of representatives from British companies in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, where Kuwaiti officials overseeing reconstruction are based. Kuwaiti ministers and officials have repeatedly stressed that Britain's role in the liberation of their country will not be forgotten during the reconstruction programme, which has been forecast to cost more than $50 billion over the next decade.

● Kuwait may need five years to rebuild its oil industry, Ali al-Qabindi, an executive of the Kuwait Oil Company said yesterday.

# Gulf contributions lift UK reserves

By Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

BRITAIN'S foreign exchange reserves increased sharply last month because of contributions to the Gulf war effort from European and Middle Eastern allies. The fact that the allied contributions were added to the reserves, instead of being converted into sterling, appeared to reflect the Treasury's confidence that there was ample market support for the pound.

The Bank of England said that Britain's underlying reserves rose $431 million in February, of which $416 million was due to military payments made by Germany, Denmark and the United Arab Emirates. The gross reserves were $3.4 billion up at $41.79 billion. The large increase in gross reserves reflected receipts equivalent to $3 billion from the government's first bond issue denominated in ecus, as well as the Gulf War contributions. City forecasts for the underlying reserve increase had averaged $50 million, but these estimates varied because of uncertainty about the timing of foreign contributions to the Gulf war. Germany will be making another this month to bring its total to £275 million, and large payments from Kuwait are also expected.

War contributions promised to Britain come to $2.8 billion, or £1.5 billion. This does not include possible funds from Japan. Britain's war costs have been estimated by the government as between £2 billion and £3 billion, but some may not be incurred if some of the aircraft in the war are not replaced. The cost could, therefore, be only slightly above the £1.5 billion contributed from abroad.

☐ The dollar rose further against all major currencies as dealers looked forward to an early recovery in the American economy. The pound traded quietly in the European exchange-rate mechanism, finishing nearly a quarter of a pfennig down at DM2.9132. Against the dollar, it finished a quarter of a cent down at $1.8970.

☐ American crude oil prices surged above $20 a barrel, boosted by concerns over unusually low petrol stocks. The concerns were heightened by an explosion at Citgo Petroleum's refinery in Louisiana on Sunday.

# Exchange to boost security

PRIVATE investors may have to quote a code number to their stockbroker whenever they want to sell shares from next year after the introduction of Taurus, the International Stock Exchange's paperless trading system.

Peter Rawlings, the chief executive, said the Exchange was working on a system of personal identification numbers to ensure the security of dealings by private investors on Taurus.

The trade and industry department has told the Exchange that a code number system would protect private investors against unauthorised trading. An outline of the system may be included in the DTI's draft rules for Taurus, due to be published this month.

The Stock Exchange has not worked out details of the system, but each private shareholding could be allotted a separate code number. This would force an active investor to keep a record of dozens of codes to allow him to deal easily. Any investor who lost his code number would have to prove his identity, which would slow down the settlement of his trade.

The code number system was proposed by the Stock Exchange to ensure that Taurus remain paperless, after the DTI questioned the system's security. But Mr Rawlings admitted there are problems with the proposals. "Although it is going to work, I fear it may not go down a bundle with people it is trying to protect," he said.

The Stock Exchange hopes the draft rules for Taurus will be put before parliament before the end of the session. This would allow most quoted companies to have them agreed by shareholders at their annual meetings before the system is introduced in the summer of 1992.

# BT cuts another 6,500 jobs

By Our Industrial Staff

BRITISH Telecom is to axe 6,500 operators' jobs in addition to the sweeping staff cuts already in the pipeline.

A BT spokesman said the staff cuts in operator services, such as directory enquiries, will take place over the next two years and be concentrated largely in the Southeast.

Though numbers will be reduced mainly through natural wastage, there will be some voluntary redundancies or early retirement.

Signs of an acceleration in the job cutting programme emerged in conjunction with the company's quarterly results last month, which showed that recession was slowing growth.

pre-tax profits were 13 per cent higher at £737 million, favourably surprising the City, but BT made clear that it would be looking to make real savings rather than reduce capital spending.

The additional cuts disclosed yesterday come on top of job reductions expected to total 10,000 this year, primarily in administrative, engineering and technical grades.

The BT spokesman noted that the company was still building up its staff in the Northeast, the West Country, Scotland and Northern Ireland, where it says it is easier to recruit, train and retain staff.

BT's recently completed Operation Sovereign scrapped an entire tier of management and 5,000 senior positions.

# Forestry group felled by changes

By Matthew Bond

THREE years ago in his 1988 Budget the then Chancellor Nigel Lawson delighted conservationists by scrapping the system of tax reliefs that had for so long supported private forestry in this country.

Rural protection groups were jubilant that the likes of Terry Wogan and Steve Davis could no longer efficiently convert their gross incomes into row upon row of conifers in the Scottish Highlands.

But three years on, there is a growing feeling that Mr Lawson might have overreacted. For private forestry has been decimated by his Budget axe.

Figures for the 1989-90 financial year from the Forestry Commission confirm the damage. During the year the level of private planting fell by half, despite a big rise in direct grant aid. A mere 12,700 hectares were planted, compared with a government target of 33,000 hectares.

Yesterday these figures claimed their first corporate casualty with the news that EFG, the stock market company better known as Economic Forestry Group, had sold its forestry management business to Booker. For 30 years private forestry had been EFG's core business. Now it will concentrate on the garden centre and leisure products industry.

For £2.75 million Booker gets EFG's management contracts over 97,000 hectares of plantations, plus a 73-hectare forest tree nursery in Aberdeen. The combined group, which will be known as Tilhill Economic Forestry, should have a turnover of about £20 million.

There was a sense of sadness at the group's Oxfordshire headquarters after confirmation of the disposal. John Roberts, company secretary, said: "Having been in forestry all my working life, it is a rather strange feeling."

Mr Roberts said that after the 1988 Budget a reorganisation of the private forestry industry was inevitable. "Something had to go, sadly it was us."

But at Booker there was far more optimism. It feels that forestry will shortly enjoy a renaissance, particularly as the role of trees in the carbon cycle is more widely appreciated. Edward Robinson, chief executive of Booker UK Agribusiness, said: "Ever since the 1988 Budget there has been a lack of investment in forestry. But we don't believe this will carry on."

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# France and Germany set for ecu row

From GEORGE BROCK
IN BRUSSELS

THE key players of the troubled Franco-German partnership on European monetary union meet in Paris tomorrow in an atmosphere soured by accusations of bad faith and French worries that Germany is backing away from any commitment to a single currency this century.

Germany produced last week its long-awaited draft text for the treaty on monetary union and erected some high hurdles to replacing national currencies with one money.

Bonn was instantly accused of reneging on pledges given at the Rome summit last October. Germany denied the charge, but in language calculated to cause further worry to Paris and the European Commission.

Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, thinks that 11 of the community's 12 governments have already agreed the broad outlines of a plan which will avoid mistakes. He now finds questions thought to be closed by previous communiques reopened anew with each new draft treaty.

# Woolwich moves into France as profits rise

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Woolwich Building Society is expanding into France with the acquisition of Banque Immobilière de Crédit, Midland Bank's mortgage subsidiary.

The building society announced the acquisition with its results for the 15 months to end-December. Pre-tax profits were £237 million, up from £187 million, despite a 230 per cent rise in bad debt provisions to £32 million.

Shares in Midland SA, the 72 per cent owned subsidiary, were suspended on the Paris bourse on Friday in anticipation of the announcement. The deal is being done at close to Crédit Immobilière's net assets, which have not been disclosed.

The building society is buying Banque Immobilière's fixed assets, which include its head office in Nanterre and 19 branches throughout France. The bank lends an estimated Fr2 billion a year in fixed rate domestic mortgages.

Woolwich is also signing a management contract to administer the existing Fr11 billion mortgage book for Midland. The society's capital adequacy requirements prevented it from taking on the loan book. The operation will be renamed Banque Woolwich.

Midland had been looking for a buyer for the business since last summer.

The acquisition is a further stage in Woolwich's expansion plans. The society opened an office offering mortgages in Milan in October, while it bought 200 estate agencies from the Prudential last month.

Donald Kirkham, the chief executive, denied the acquisition showed any change in the Woolwich's business. "We have just decided to open in Paris and Nice instead of Huddersfield," he said.

The society's profits in the 15 months to end-December fell 7 per cent on an annualised basis because of bad debt provisions, and the Woolwich's policy of undercutting the mortgage rates of its rivals.

Mr Kirkham said the society's mortgage rates had been 0.15 to 0.25 per cent cheaper than others for most of the year, costing £24 million. The low rates led to a surge in net lending, which rose 152 per cent to £2.77 billion.

The Woolwich repossessed 2,400 houses during the year, double the amount in 1989. At the end of the year, the society owned 2,000 houses.

The Woolwich suffered heavy bad debts in its unsecured lending: £13.9 million of its provisions were made against its personal loan book of less than £125 million.

# Greggs beats weather to £7m

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

GREGGS, the Newcastle bakery group, was affected by both blizzards and heatwaves last year. The heatwave led to a 30 per cent decline in cream cake sales and the blizzards led to transport problems.

The company, which normally sells about 50,000 cream cakes a day from its 447 shops, made pre-tax profits of £7.02 million, up from £6.89 million in the year to end December. Sales rose from £76.7 million to £87 million, but on a like-for-like basis, were down about 1.5 per cent for the year.

The extra turnover came from the 42 shops opened in the year. Earnings per share rose from 39.8p to 41.2p and the final dividend is 9p, making a total for the year of 13.5p, an increase of 12.5 per cent on last time.

Mike Darrington, the group's managing director, said both the weather and the poll tax had affected business. "What we like is a day with no wind or rain, not too hot but with blue skies. People feel good but they also feel hungry," he said.

He added there had been a noticable effect from the poll tax in Scotland, where the tax was introduced early, suffering first and recovering first. "Some of our shops situated near council house estates were among the worst affected but we think overall we have managed a good performance," he said.

Greggs, which has opened its first shops in central London, has plans for 30 new shops this year. Ten will be closed. Capital expenditure will exceed £8 million as the group invests in bakery equipment and meets the requirements of the Food Hygine Regulations. Capital expenditure will be met from cash flow and Mr Darrington says there are no plans for a rights issue.

Ian Gregg, the group's chairman said: "In the second half of 1991 we expect to see profits move ahead more strongly and produce a reasonable increase for the year as a whole". Shares in the group rose 2p to 246p.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Erostin shares halted pending liquidator

EROSTIN Group, the builder and property developer, suspended dealings in its shares at 40p, at which price the company is valued at almost £9 million, pending the appointment of a liquidator.

The company plans an extraordinary shareholders' meeting to wind the company up, on the grounds that it cannot pay its debts, and a creditors' meeting to appoint a liquidator. The board said the assets should exceed liabilities, making it possible for creditors to be paid in full, leaving a surplus for distribution to shareholders, although this is unlikely to happen within 12 months. The appointment of an administrator had been considered but was supported by neither the creditors nor its bankers. An attempt to reschedule the bank debts had failed, the directors said.

### Simon sells subsidiary

SIMON Engineering said it has sold Gear Products, its American subsidiary, to Blount for $18 million. The engineering, environmental and industrial services group said $14.6 million will be paid on completion of the deal and $3.5 million over four years. Gear had 1989 sales of $21million and pre-tax profit of $1.7 million.

### Williams to control Yale

WILLIAMS Holdings has been successful in its five-for-four takeover bid for Yale and Valor. The level of acceptances reached 68.8 per cent by Friday's 3pm closing deadline, and later rose to 75.2 per cent. The necessary resolutions were passed by Williams shareholders yesterday and the offer was declared unconditional.

### Ransomes profits cut

RAMSOMES, the grass-cutting machinery manufacturer, saw pre-tax profits fall from £14.4 million to £9.04 million in the year to end-December on a collapse in property profits, fall in consumer spending and surge in interest costs.

Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, advanced from £126.6 million to £165.2 million. Interest payments surged to £8.84 million (£4.28 million). Earnings per share plunged from 16.9p to 1.6p, and fully diluted earnings to 7p (17p). The final dividend is 4.1p (4.2p), making an unchanged 6.15p.

### Lilleshall up to £2.62m

LILLESHALL, the industrial distribution, engineering and building products group, lifted pre-tax profits by 16 per cent to £2.62 million in the year to December. Turnover climbed 11 per cent to £34 million. Earnings per share slipped to 11.8p (13.6p). The final dividend is 2.45p (2.4p), making 3.9p (3.65p).

### Sumit assets fall sharply

SUMIT, the West Midlands venture capital firm, said pre-tax profits for the year ended December gained 13 per cent to £672,878 on slightly reduced gross revenues of £1.45 million. However, fully diluted assets per share fell from 206p to 141p. A final dividend of 3.8p makes 5.8p (5.2p). Earnings per share fell to 7.3p (7.7p).

### Microvitec in the red

MICROVITEC, the USM-quoted computer peripherals manufacturer, has cut its final dividend after incurring a substantial full-year loss. Pre-tax losses were £2.42 million in the year to end-December (£1.28 million profit). The figures were hampered by a £785,000 exceptional charge. James Bailey, the chairman, said margins had improved in the past six months.

Turnover was £23.4 million (£32.1 million). The final dividend is 0.2p (0.75p), making a reduced total of 0.3p (1.5p) for the year. Loss per share is 6.2p (earnings of 3.1p).

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# Mountleigh calls off Fairchild bid talks

MOUNTLEIGH, the property group, has called off its bid talks with Fairchild, the American aircraft fastenings group. The news that Mountleigh was considering a $280 million bid for Fairchild came as a surprise when it was announced last month.

Mountleigh had indicated that it was willing to pay Fairchild up to $14.25 a share, through cash and shares. No further talks between the two companies are planned.

### Serco up 20%

Serco Group, the task management contractor, lifted pre-tax profits by 20 per cent to £4.3 million for the year ended in December. Earnings per share rose 13 per cent to 28.9p. A final 7.5p dividend makes 11p (9.5p).

### Offer cleared

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, has cleared the offer by Thorn EMI for Thames Television.

### Venture agreed

Waterglade International Holdings, the property developer, has agreed a joint venture to develop an office project near Hamburg airport.

### Buy postponed

BHP Holdings (USA), subsidiary of the BHP group of Australia, has extended until next Tuesday its planned purchase of Hamilton Oil.

### Parkin sold

Richardsons Westgarth, the steel stockholder, has agreed to buy the business of F Parkin & Sons, of Exeter, for about £1 million cash.

### Hammerson

In *The Times* of March 4 we stated incorrectly that Boots had renegotiated a sharp reduction of its rental at Brent Cross Shopping Centre. The figures quoted relate to an entirely separate location. Hammerson Group has pointed out that there have been no reflexings on the scale mentioned at any property owned by Hammerson.

### Reece falls

Pre-tax profits at Reece, the industrial and consumer products company, fell to £415,000 for the 15 months to December (£901,000). Earnings per share fell to 0.63p (1.46p). There is no final dividend.

# Geevor calls egm over loan

By COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

GEEVOR, the British mining company whose shares were temporarily suspended last month when the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce recalled a loan, has called an extraordinary general meeting for March 25 to approve plans to rebuild its capital base.

Mark Wellesley-Wood, Geevor's chairman, says in the egm circular Geevor has been advised CIBC's action was "unlawful and without foundation", and proceedings for damages have started.

City institutions, including Smith New Court, have meanwhile, agreed to back a £750,000 secured loan note issue by Geevor, formal approval for which will be sought on March 25. About £650,000 of the fresh capital, will be used to allow Geevor to continue trading at a reduced level of activity. The £100,000 balance is reserved for pursuit of legal actions against CIBC.

Geevor says CIBC's withdrawal of financial support in February led to the delay of its intended and agreed purchase of Pinnacle Creek mine, West Virginia, and had disadvantaged shareholders.

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# Coats close to winning Tootal

A dividend cut and fall in earnings might seem to constitute a shaky platfrom from which to launch a takeover bid, but these are hardly normal times. Apart from the Austrian attempt to wrest control of Century Oils, Coats Viyella's lunge for Tootal represents the only hostile bid seen in the City for months, and it should not be surprising that many bull market standards have gone by the board.

In his unaccustomed role as an aggressive bidder, Sir David Alliance believes he has the advantage in that the plight of his quarry is considerably graver than his own. Analysts generally agree, and none doubt, that Tootal will need to raid its reserves if it is to hold its own dividend when it publishes annual results at the end of next month.

The industrial logic of merging the interests of these two once great textiles empires was argued through and accepted by everyone, not least the entire Tootal board, including the now chief executive Anthony Habgood, in the spring of 1989. Indeed, the Monopolies Commission thought it made rather too much sense for the public good and asked Coats to discard some of its activities.

Once divested, Coats looked at the deal again and decided Tootal was no longer worth what it once thought. The lower valuation was rejected and the two sides parted.

Since Sir David walked away with 29.4 per cent of the Tootal equity in his pocket, however, the only question was when he would return. Enmeshed in internal turmoil that has seen the departure of Geoffrey Maddrell, the chief executive and Alan Webb, the finance director, since early January, and with the books closed on a year that Sir David knows better than anyone was horrendous for the textile industry, Tootal was never going to offer a better opportunity.

Few outside Tootal disagree that the two companies still look a snug fit, even though Coats concedes that the benefits lessen with time. Industry sources point to significant potential savings, in eliminating duplication, more cost-effective penetration of developing markets and improved sourcing.

For all the promises of safeguards for employees, of course, this is ominous for the workforces of both groups, although Sir David would claim a good relationship with his trade unions, who were believed to have accepted the original merger plan, with its implications for their jobs.

Mr Habgood claims to have made enough changes in policy since his January appointment to render a merger unnecessary. He will have much convincing to do. Coats needs only 20 per cent of the equity to establish control, and Tootal investors may well judge that without the bid premium their shares may not be worth much more than 50p in the market.

Some disagreement has emerged over how much of an attempt the Coats team made to achieve an agreed deal. Unless Mr Habgood can unearth some value hitherto unperceived, he is likely to be advised by his more powerful shareholders that at best there are only a few pennies between them and Coats. Another 5p could tie up Tootal, Sir David.

## Next move

Sears' £150 million bid for Grattan, the mail order arm of Next, came as no surprise yesterday nor did the news that David Jones, Next's chief executive, and a team of bankers from Lazards, were in Hamburg, presumably attempting to squeeze a little more out of Otto-Versand, the German mail order group, which has offered £140 million for Grattan.

Next, whose long term future was causing the City some worries as recently as Christmas and which a week ago revealed likely losses of £222 million for the year just ended, is now in the happy position of sitting back and watching Sears and Otto slug it out.

Were Otto to match or exceed Sears' offer, Next would almost certainly maintain its backing for the German group's bid. It may do so even if Otto does not increase its offer. Next has been sitting on the Sears bid since last Thursday and has yet to reply.

Were Sears to succeed in buying Grattan and merging it with its existing mail order business, Freemans, there would some rationalisation and some redundancies would be inevitable. It is difficult to see how Sears is going to win the auction it has just created. The best chance it had to win Grattan was to bid for the entire Next group, which would have appealed directly to the beleaguered Next shareholders and would have taken the wind out of Otto's sails. But that would have been an enormous risk.

The argument that Otto's bid is subject to clearance by the European Commission whereas Sears' is not may prove to be a red herring. Otto may have 25 per cent of the European mail order market but the combination of Grattan and Freemans would give Sears over 26 per cent of the British mail order maket and that could be subject to a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry in Britain.

The decision may now rest with the Next shareholders who meet to approve the Otto offer on Wednesday 13 March. If Sears fails to appeal to them, it will at least have the consolation of knowing it has pushed up the cost of Otto's entry into the British mail order market.

COMMENT

# Banks owe a debt to the exclusive AAA club

BANKS, and bankers, are habitually clubable but the society to which they would all like to belong, the triple A club, is suffering from a decreasing membership.

The number of world banks that can lay claim to an AAA rating on the security of its long-term debt has dwindled steadily in the past two years because of a stream of downgradings from Moody's and Standard & Poor's, the two main rating agencies.

Moody's lists 31 AAA institutions, but most of these are government controlled, or have their debts guaranteed by a third party. In reality, there are a handful of independent international banks that own the top rating. This month, that handful grew even smaller when S&P, which has even more stringent debt-rating criteria than its rival, downgraded the Industrial Bank of Japan and Barclays Bank, chaired by Sir John Quinton, to AA+. Under S&P's criteria, the magnificent seven have become the famous five: Crédit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, Swiss Bank Corporation and the Union Bank of Switzerland.

S&P defines the AAA category as "showing the highest degree of safety, with overwhelming repayment capacity". Moody's says AAA bonds can be referred to as "gilt-edged", and that interest payments are protected by an exceptionally stable margin. AA debt offers only a high degree of safety with a smaller protection margin.

The rating agencies' analysts base a bank's rating on its capital adequacy, asset quality and its diversity of risks in assets and earnings. After collating a series of key rates and examining the bank's prospects, the analysts award an overall rating.

When judging capital, the agencies ignore many of the modern hybrid capital instruments that are included in the Bank for International Settlements' capital ratios, such as perpetual and subordinated debt. Instead, they concentrate on pure equity and retained earnings.



The eagle is landing: Sir John Quinton's Barclays Bank is no longer in the 'magnificent seven'

This excludes from the top ratings most of Japan's largest banks, which have weakened their core capital ratios after rapidly expanding their loan books in the past ten years. Similarly, most American banks have too little capital to qualify for an AAA, or even an AA, rating.

The agencies are also conservative about the values of the banks' equity and property portfolios and ignore most of their revaluation reserves. Barclays' capital, for example, is bolstered by about £800 million from a revaluation reserve, while the Japanese banks' capital has relied for years on the paper profits on their share holdings.

Ratings are also based on the quality of a bank's lending, and the level of bad debt provisions. A principal reason for S&P downgrading National Westminster and Barclays from their cherished AAA position was the sharp increase in bad debts provisions on their domestic loan books.

The famous five have retained their rating by a combination of conservative lending and conservation of capital. Resa Lundkvist, an analyst at S&P in New York, said: "The one thing they all have in common is diversity. These banks are strong in almost every business they do: retail, wholesale and securities."

Deutsche Bank, she stresses, has expanded into a range of markets, including its £950 million acquisition of Morgan Grenfell, but has returned to shareholders at regular intervals to fund its operations.

An AAA rating also reduces a bank's costs by millions of pounds a year. Figures compiled by Moody's show that an AAA institution can issue debt offering interest of between 0.1 and 0.6 per cent less than an AA bank, because of the greater security it offers.

The difference may not sound much, but for a bank the size of National Westminster or Barclays it could save between £4 million and £30 million a year, and produce knock-on savings on less senior debt. Bankers argue that this benefit is less noticeable than in the past since so many banks have been downgraded.

AAA ratings are also used in marketing to attract new business. Corporate and even retail customers are attracted by the thought that they are investing through a rock solid institution. It is no accident that Swiss bankers privately complain that they are awash with deposits.

Many AAA banks have a useful sideline in underwriting securities, which then gain an AAA rating themselves. Eventually, the AAA society can become self-perpetuating, as the best rated banks win the most profitable business and can fund it more cheaply than their competitors.

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# Suter comes out of the shade

TEMPUS

ON THE basis that even the trade department cannot keep a simple share dealing enquiry running forever, the investment argument against buying Suter shares may be ending.

The market certainly seems to think so. The shares have outperformed the all-share index by 17 per cent in the last month, and are now priced at something approaching a sector multiple after three years at a discount.

The reasoning is that if the DTI gives the thumbs up, the shares will race ahead with the removal of long standing uncertainty. If the verdict goes the other way Suter is more likely to become a bid target. Either way, the shares still yield a healthy 9.8 per cent and underpin what are fairly decent figures for 1990.

Overall, pre-tax profits were down 31 per cent to £24 million with most of the damage being done by a £7.3 million fall in investment income. However, the core on-going distribution and industrial trading activities increased profits by about 5 per cent to £27.1 million.

Year-end debt of £40 million means gearing is up to about 80 per cent but the interest bill is still covered 6.5 times. Analysts expect about £24 million for the current year, putting Suter on a forward multiple of just over eight. Double recovery prospects, on fundamentals and market sentiment, justifies holding the shares.

## Persimmon

SHARES in Persimmon, the York house builder, were 163p when we recommended them as a buy six months ago. Yesterday, they closed at 246p.

Three factors are responsible for the recovery: the market-wide feeling that the recession will end sooner rather than later; a sector-wide belief that housebuilding will be one of the first beneficiaries; and a stock-picking hunch that Persimmon may be one of the best of the bunch.

The latest figures suggest that Duncan Davidson, the chairman, and his team are unlikely to disappoint such high expectations. In normal markets an 11 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £28.8 million would be nothing to be excited about, but in the worst housing market since the war it is remarkable. Shareholders are rewarded with a 4.85p (4.5p) final dividend to give a total of 7.15p (6.5p).

Persimmon's response to the recession has been to sell more houses, but at a lower price and margin. In the year to December 2,028 homes were sold, 13 per cent more than in 1989, while the average selling price fell 6.4 per cent to £67,300. The operating margin fell from 25.2 per cent to 21.1 per cent. This year, the idea is to do the same again.

A standstill in profits puts the shares on a multiple of about 11. In comparison to some rivals that is cheap. Buy.

## ASW Holdings

ASW Holdings, the steel and wire group, suffered the indignity of profit downgrades after otherwise sound 1990 results.

Almost unchanged £40.3 million pre-tax profits after a year in which European prices started to wilt under cost pressures were no mean achievement. But the pressures have carried into 1991, so until the industry clouds break, ASW's outlook will be murky.

There was further headway in Europe, where sales at £135.3 million represent 29.8 per cent of turnover (22.4 per cent previously) and which helped offset a 8.9 per cent sales setback at home.

But ASW's ability to make significant improvements in operating efficiencies could be checked this year, at least until activity perks up. Pre-tax profit estimates have thus been cut from £38 million to £35 million — and lower.

Net cash of £24.4 million suggests ASW should have generated respectable net interest. In the event, only £700,000 trickled in, a return explained by irregular cashflows and heavy capital spend. A more definitive interest item is indicated for 1991.

At 253p, down 12p, the prospective p/e is high enough.

# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Man of Kent

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, has one of the City's least enviable jobs at present. And, if he should try to escape the doom and gloom of Threadneedle Street and spend an evening at the opera listening to his younger brother sing, he is unlikely to find much cheer. For his brother, who performs as Nigel Douglas, is playing the part of Kent — a leading role in the play but only a minor one in the opera — in the English National Opera production of Shakespeare's *Lear* which opened at the Coliseum this week. A critic has already dismissed it as "conspicuously dated" and, of Douglas's performance, said his "shivering Kent disappears prematurely from the action, presumably the victim of arthritis and hypothermia." Douglas makes not even a passing mention of his elder brother in his publicity literature. A tenor of some note, he studied in Vienna and has sung more than 80 different operatic roles, mostly in continental Europe. Thus making a comparatively rare return to these shores, his curriculum vitae does reveal that he was born in . . . Kent.

## Bubbling over

ELIZABETH Sullivan, the Square Mile's most colourful head hunter, will be even more effervescent than usual come March 26, when Elizabeth Sullivan Associates, her newly-created firm, hosts its first extraordinary general meeting for shareholders. To the envy of other larger companies, which now face cutbacks in hospitality, Sullivan's list of shareholders, comprising mainly 18 or so high-profile directors of blue chip City broking and banking firms, has so impressed Charles Riddler, a representative of Veuve Clicquot, the champagne house, that he has offered to sponsor the event. "It's wonderful news," says a delighted Sullivan, aged 39, who first hit the headlines a decade or two ago when, as a blue button, she became only the second woman to be admitted on to the floor of the Stock Exchange.

*A PIECE of Fleet Street history has been preserved after the demolition of the Ludgate Hill bridge. A City of London plaque from the bridge commemorating* The Daily Courant, *London's first daily paper, has been given by Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments to the London Press Club for safety. The newspaper was launched as a single-sided half sheet by Edward Mallet from his house near Fleet Bridge on 11 March 1702. It was "design'd to give all the Material news as soon as every Post arrives: and it is confined to half the Compass, to save the Publick at least half the impertinence of ordinary papers."*




## Chip shock

LLOYD'S of London brokers turned up in droves last week to celebrate the opening of the Corney & Barrow bar within their building and simultaneously to bid farewell to David Knechtli, the outgoing chairman of Jardine Insurance Brokers International. Knechtli, who has spent 42 years at Lloyd's — 38 of them with Jardine — and is one of the best-known marine brokers in the market, proceeded to cause a minor disturbance within the winebar when he ordered a plate of smoked salmon and chips, his favourite dish. A courier had to rush the chips through the City streets on a hot-plate from another restaurant, presenting them to the hungry Knechtli, who then tucked in with relish. He was nevertheless surprisingly reluctant to discuss the incident when telephoned at his desk the following afternoon. His secretary announced he had just returned from "a heavy lunch" and was in no state to discuss anything. His colleagues at Lloyd's, meanwhile, have been making the most of the new bar and have already dubbed it "the canteen". On Friday, its first official day of business, they successfully scotched yet more talk of recession by downing over 100 bottles of champagne.

## Boefors gunned

JOHN Wakeham will be hoping that the privatisation of PowerGen and National Power is more successful than the Department of Energy's other less well publicised foray into the private sector. *Energy Management*, the department's loss making monthly magazine, was hived off to privately run Boefors Publishing, which already produced the magazine's arch rival, *Energy Today*. But after only one issue Boefors went into liquidation. The department, which has been remarkably reticent about this particular free market enterprise, has now invited *Mechanical Engineering Publications*, publishers for the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, to take over instead. Invitations to tender for publication of the magazine will apparently be sought later in the year.

## Scudding along

THE Patriot business expansion scheme, launched in a volley of Gulf war jokes last weekend, has a little ammunition left. It began life as an off-the-shelf company named — wait for it — Fizz Wizz Properties. And the Coopers & Lybrand partner in Plymouth acting as auditor to the issue is a certain Francis Drake.

CAROL LEONARD

YOU'D THINK THE LEADING DOMESTIC BOND MARKET MAKER IN GREECE MUST BE GREEK.

There's no doubt about the leading domestic bond market maker in Greece. With monthly volumes last year in excess of $100m, it is Midland Bank based in Athens.

Over the last ten years, Midland has established itself as one of the leading banks in Greece, with branches in Athens, Piraeus and Thessaloniki. It is one of the principal participants in the local money and foreign exchange markets and is first choice banker to 15% of the largest companies in Greece. It is an integral part of the local financial infrastructure and its staff have years of experience in the domestic market which makes them natural partners of local business.

Yet, as you'd expect, Midland Bank in Greece is also part of Midland Group's merchant banking network, brought together under Midland Montagu, with Samuel Montagu being the focus in the UK. Capitalising on their acknowledged privatisation skills Samuel Montagu, working closely with Midland, recently obtained a mandate to evaluate and privatise the largest shipyard in Greece.

During 1990, Midland Bank in Athens has participated in five equity market related issues. Moreover, Midland has established a stockbroking company - Midland-Pandelakis Securities S.A. - in this emerging and fast growing market.

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## LSI profit soars 58% to £14.3m

LIFE Sciences International, the laboratory equipment maker, has lifted pre-tax profits by 58 per cent to £14.3 million for the year to end-December. This included £2.3 million of interest income earned on its £17 million cash pile. Turnover was up 28 per cent to £74.5 million and fully diluted earnings per share rose 25 per cent to 7.4p. A final 1.9p dividend makes 2.9p.

## Unidare higher

Unidare, the Dublin-based engineering group, lifted pre-tax profits from Ir£4.12 million to Ir£5.07 million in the year to end-December. Earnings per share were 26.2p (22.6p). A final dividend of 10.3p makes a total of 14.2p.

## Torday ahead

Lower interest costs helped Torday & Carlisle, the Newcastle-based specialist engineer, to lift pre-tax profits by 22 per cent to £4.01 million in the year to end-December. Turnover rose to £50.9 million (£46.8 million). Earnings per share fell from 24p to 17.8p. A final 4.7p dividend makes a 7p total.

## Sale completed

Ferguson International Holdings, the printing, packaging and cable television group, has concluded the sale of its Globe Data Systems American subsidiary to Hammond Kennedy Whitney and Company for $7.25 million.

## Stakis resignation

Charles Bystram has resigned as deputy chairman of Stakis, the Glasgow-based hotels group, after a profits warning by Sir Lewis Robertson, the chairman, last week.

STOCK MARKET

# Cadbury shares dip after £200m rights issue talk

SHARES of Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, fell 10p to 351p amid whispers in the Square Mile that full year figures tomorrow will be accompanied by a £200 million right issue.

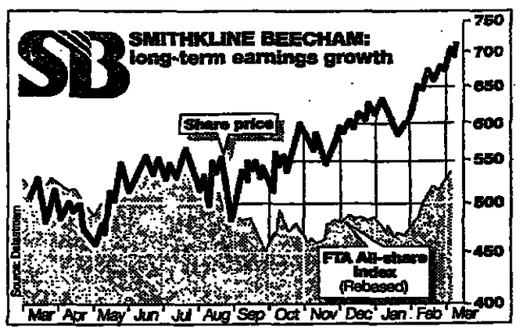
The evidence suggests that Cadbury might enjoy some extra cash to play with. Gearing stands at about 150 per cent of shareholder funds and trading in Britain has not been easy because of the recession, making it an easy target for the market bears.

But pre-tax profits are expected to show an increase of £36 million to £280 million, and the siege situation that the group has been under for the past few years ended when General Cinema sold its near-20 per cent stake last year.

The rest of the equity market spent an unsettled day,

**Cambridge Electronic Industries came within a whisker of its 12-month high, climbing 8p to 179p. One side effect of the Gulf war has been raised demand for the group's product range. Demand for its chemical agent monitors has been boosted while orders for metal detectors for use at airports and other sensitive areas has risen seven-fold.**

with share prices unable to hold onto an early mark-up as institutional investors decided against chasing share prices higher. But falls were restricted, with the expected welter of profit-taking after the market's recent strong run failing to materialise.




The FT-SE 100 index wiped out an early lead of almost 10 points despite a firm start to trading on Wall Street, ending the session 4.0 lower at 2,382.9. Turnover was restricted to less than 500 million shares.

Government securities continued to lose ground in the absence of any further cuts in bank base rates. Prices at the longer end closed with falls stretching to £½.

SmithKline Beecham A rose 6p to 715p ahead of figures tomorrow. Analysts are forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits from £724 million to £860 million. Hoare Govett has issued a buy circular ahead of the figures rating the shares a long-term buy. It is forecasting a "double digit" increase in earnings growth over the next five years helped by the launch of new products, cost cutting and increased efficiency.

The first signs of the improvement will have been in evidence in the fourth quarter following the merger between SmithKline and Beecham 15 months ago.

But there was little cheer for its rival, Wellcome, whose shares tumbled 16p to 483p. The group has been forced to withdraw its over-the-counter 12-hour decongestant, Sudafed, following several deaths from cyanide poisoning in America. It is believed that the medication had been tampered with. Wellcome is now investigating the matter along with the US Food and Drug Administration and the FBI.

**Granada Group fell 3p to 174p after a downbeat statement from Alex Bernstein, the chairman, at the the annual meeting. He reported that the recession was continuing to make the going difficult. A cost-cutting excercise was underway and the group was confident of retaining its independent television franchise for the North-west. But analysts are still warning that pre-tax profits in the current year will drop from £120.6 million to £90 million.**

Tootal, the textiles group, rose 6p to 71p after receiving terms of an unwanted bid of 65p a share from Coats Viyella valuing the entire company at £193.7 million.

Coats made an agreed bid of around 138p a share for Tootal in May 1989, but the deal was referred to the Monopolies Commission. The bid was given the go-ahead subject to certain conditions being met by Coats Viyella, which already owns almost 30 per cent of Tootal's shares. Coats responded to the news with a jump of 15p to 138p.

Persimmon, the house-builder, advanced 19p to 247p after turning in a creditable performance. Pre-tax profits last year fell from £32.5 million to £28.8 million. The

**Geest, the fresh fruit importer and distributor, soared 24p to 318p in thin trading on revived bid hopes. In the past, the group has been linked with Albert Fisher, the fresh food distributor headed by Tony Millar. Full-year figures later this month are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £20 million to £25 million.**

group said its 1991 performance will be influenced by reductions in interest rates. Margins were still under pressure but the group expected to sell more houses this year than it did in 1990.

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# Soviet debt to foreign suppliers increases

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SOVIET trade organisations are falling further behind in their payments to Western suppliers. Debts are mounting to an estimated 20 per cent of imports from the West.

Worst hit is German industry, which is owed about DM2 billion, according to industry sources. Last year, Germany exported goods and service worth DM10.4 billion, a decline of 10 per cent from the previous year. The fall was mainly a result of payment difficulties.

In Britain, the problems are understood to be relatively similar, although British trade with the Soviet Union is much smaller. Exports accounted for £606 million last year, also down 10 per cent.

The problems for western suppliers are compounded by the fact that British and German banks are not prepared to finance Soviet trade unless the exporter obtains a letter of credit or a credit risk assurance. In Britain, the Exports Credit Guarantee Department has withdrawn this type of insurance because of the difficulties.

The payment problems are, in part, a result of the worsening position of Soviet foreign currency reserves. While the country publishes no official reserve figures, the funds held at foreign banks are considered to be best guide to the real value. These almost halved during 1990, from $14.7 billion at the end of 1989 to $7.8 billion at the end of September. The fall is believed to have continued since.

Klaus Flath, head of the Soviet division in the German economics ministry, said yesterday: "If the Foreign Trade Bank refuses to issue a letter of credit, my advice is to treat the prospective business with great caution. I suggest companies should try to obtain payment before delivery."

Soviet payment problems first surfaced last year, after the government allowed individual Soviet trade organisation to organise their own export finances. By the end of last spring, German companies were owed about DM1.5 billion, but most of the debts were repaid in the summer after the German government provided a DM5 billion bank guarantee. The problems, however, have resurfaced more strongly since.

The switch from the convertible rouble to hard currency in trading within Eastern European countries is likely to ease the pressure on the foreign reserves.

However, the outlook remains bleak in the short term. Michael Hall, executive director of the British-Soviet Chambers of Commerce, said: "The Soviet Union has turned on its head a reputation of 70 years. It must have a dramatic effect on trade."

# Jardine in breach of rules on buybacks

From LULU YU
IN HONG KONG

MR FRANCIS Yuen, chief executive of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, yesterday confirmed that Jardine Matheson Holdings, the British group, and one of its affiliate companies had breached listing rules through share buybacks.

He said the exchange would decide whether to discipline the group after considering whether Jardine had breached regulations knowingly and intentionally.

Jardine, a group with extensive property, trading, hotels, retail, shipping and finance interests in the colony, was found to have bought back 3.4 per cent of its own shares through Connaught Investors, a related firm, in 1989.

The move was prohibited under a listing rule established in June 1989. Before then, foreign-incorporated companies were free to repurchase shares while local companies were barred from doing so under Hong Kong's Companies Ordinance.

Mr Yuen said if Jardine was willing to divest some of its repurchased shareholding, this would influence the exchange's decision. His remarks indicate that an amicable compromise may be reached soon.

The Securities and Futures Commission, which spent several weeks examining the issue, yesterday passed the ball back to the exchange without comment. But both the exchange and the commission have said they would remove the ban on buybacks shortly.

## WALL STREET

New York
BLUE chips recorded gains during morning trading in a continuation of the strong close on Friday, as well as solid gains in bond prices.

Some profit-taking in mid-morning saw the Dow Jones industrial average up 3 points at 2,913, after rising as much as 11 at one stage.

● Tokyo — Japanese shares closed moderately firmer in light trade.

The Nikkei index was up 94.45 points, or 0.36 per cent, to 25,976.02.

● Frankfurt — The Dax index ended 14.12 points higher at 1,530.86.

*(Reuter)*

| | Mar 4 midday | Mar 1 close |
|---|---|---|
| Abbott Lab | 45¾ | 45⅝ |
| Aetna Life | 44⅜ | 45⅛ |
| Allemanon | 18¼ | 17½ |
| Air Prods | 64 | 63⅝ |
| Albertsons | 39⅝ | 39½ |
| Alcan Al | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Allied Stand | 32¼ | 32 |
| Allied Signal | 30 | 30 |
| Alumin CA | 67 | 65⅞ |
| Am Brands | 45¾ | 45¾ |
| Am Cyanamid | 58⅝ | 58 |
| Am EPC | 28⅛ | 28⅝ |
| Am General | 36½ | 36½ |
| Am Home | 56⅞ | 57¼ |
| Am Intl | 82⅞ | 83 |
| Am Medical | 5⅝ | 5⅝ |
| Am Stores | 75⅞ | 70⅝ |
| Amax | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| Amer Home | 48⅞ | 48⅝ |
| Ameritech | 39⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Amerx | 25⅝ | 25⅞ |
| Amoco | 51⅛ | 52¼ |
| AMP | 51¼ | 51 |
| AMR | 82 | 82⅝ |
| Anheuser-B | 46⅛ | 47¼ |
| Apple Comp | 57⅝ | 57¼ |
| Archer-Dan | 22⅝ | 22⅛ |
| Arkla | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| Armstrong | 28⅝ | 29⅛ |
| Asamco | 25⅞ | 26 |
| Ashland Oil | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| AT&T | 33½ | 33⅝ |
| Atlan Richfld | 129⅝ | 128⅞ |
| Auto Dt | 62¾ | 62¾ |
| Avery Intl | 24½ | 24¾ |
| Avon Prod | 41¼ | 41¼ |
| Baltimore | 28⅝ | 28⅝ |
| Banc One | 33⅜ | 34⅜ |
| Bankamerica | 33½ | 33 |
| Bard | 21⅝ | 21⅜ |
| Barnett Bk | 25⅝ | 25⅞ |
| Bausch Lmb | 76¾ | 77⅛ |
| Baxter Intl | 30¾ | 30⅝ |
| Bec Dickin | 73¼ | 73⅛ |
| Bell Atlan | 48¾ | 48⅛ |
| Bellsouth | 52⅛ | 52⅝ |
| Bir Hughes | 28⅜ | 29 |
| Black Decker | 13⅛ | 12⅝ |
| Block | 48⅝ | 48⅛ |
| Bnkrs Tst NY | 46⅜ | 46⅝ |
| Boeing | 49¾ | 49⅞ |
| Boise Casc | 27¼ | 28⅜ |
| Borden | 34¾ | 34⅛ |
| Brist-Myer | 76⅝ | 75⅝ |
| Browng-For | 27⅜ | 27⅜ |
| Burl Nth | 28⅝ | 28⅝ |
| CAI | 8⅝ | 9 |
| Campbell Sp | 69¾ | 70 |
| Cap Cities | 453⅛ | 464 |
| Capital HC | 46⅞ | 45⅝ |
| Carolina | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Caterpillar | 52⅝ | 53 |
| CBS | 178½ | 179¾ |
| Central SW | 43¾ | 44 |
| Champion | 27 | 27⅛ |
| Chase Man | 15¾ | 14¾ |
| Chem Bnkg | 17⅞ | 17¼ |
| Chevron | 75⅞ | 76 |
| Chrysler | 14⅛ | 14 |
| Chubb | 67⅛ | 67 |
| Cigna | 48⅝ | 48⅝ |
| Citicorp | 15⅞ | 15⅝ |
| Clorox Us | 40⅝ | 41⅛ |
| Clorox | 39½ | 39⅞ |
| Cmwlth Edis | 38⅛ | 38⅝ |
| CNA Fincl | 86½ | 87 |
| Coastal | 32¾ | 32⅝ |
| Coca-Cola | 62¼ | 62⅜ |
| Colgate-Pal | 74 | 73⅝ |
| Colomb Gas | 44⅝ | 44 |
| Compaq | 68¼ | 70⅛ |
| Conagra | 42⅜ | 42⅜ |
| Cons Edis | 34½ | 34⅛ |
| Cons ND | 42⅝ | 43 |
| Cons Rail | 49⅝ | 49⅞ |
| Cooper Ind | 50¾ | 50⅜ |
| Corning | 57 | 57⅛ |
| CPC Intl | 61¼ | 61⅛ |
| Crown Cork | 34⅛ | 33⅝ |
| CSX | 27⅜ | 27⅝ |
| Dana | 30⅝ | 30 |
| Dayton-Hud | 69⅛ | 68⅝ |
| Deere | 52¾ | 52 |
| Delta Air | 78⅜ | 78⅛ |
| Deluxe | 37⅞ | 38 |
| Detroit Edi | 29⅜ | 29⅛ |
| Digital Eq | 74½ | 75⅜ |
| Dillard | 101⅛ | 98⅛ |
| Disney | 128⅜ | 123⅝ |
| Dominion | 47⅜ | 47⅛ |
| Donnelley | 43 | 45⅝ |
| Dover | 41⅛ | 41⅜ |
| Dow Chem | 54⅝ | 54⅛ |
| Dow Jones | 35⅜ | 35⅛ |
| Dresser Ind | 26⅝ | 26⅛ |
| Du Pont | 38⅝ | 38⅛ |
| Duke Pwr | 27⅞ | 28 |
| Dun Bradst | 44⅝ | 44⅝ |
| East Kodak | 46⅛ | 43⅛ |
| Eaton | 58 | 57⅝ |
| Emerson El | 44¾ | 44⅝ |
| Enron | 56 | 55⅝ |
| Entergy | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Ethyl | 29 | 28⅝ |
| Exxon | 55⅝ | 55⅞ |
| Fed Nt Mtg | 45⅞ | 45⅝ |
| Fedrl Exprss | 39½ | 40⅜ |
| Fst Nortstr | 15⅝ | 15⅝ |
| Fluor | 51⅞ | 52⅜ |
| FMC | 67 | 67⅜ |
| Ford Motor | 35⅝ | 35⅝ |
| FPL | 30 | 30 |
| Fst Chicago | 24⅝ | 24½ |
| Fst Mrkst | 36 | 36⅛ |
| Fst Union | 19⅞ | 19⅝ |
| Gannett | 40⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Gen Cinema | 22⅝ | 22½ |
| Gen Elec | 68⅝ | 68⅝ |
| Gen Mills | 52⅝ | 52⅝ |
| Gen Motors | 38⅝ | 38⅝ |
| Gen Pt | 37⅛ | 37⅜ |
| Gen Signal | 43⅝ | 43⅝ |
| Generaltch | 24⅞ | 25 |
| Genuine Pts | 42 | 41⅝ |
| Georgia-Pac | 41⅞ | 41⅛ |
| Gillette | 72⅝ | 73⅝ |
| Goodrich | 40⅛ | 40⅝ |
| Goodyear | 22⅝ | 21⅞ |
| Grace | 29⅞ | 29⅞ |
| Grngr&and | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Gt Atlantic | 55⅝ | 55 |
| Gt Western | 17⅞ | 17⅞ |
| GTE | 31⅞ | 32⅛ |
| Halliburtn | 32 | 33⅜ |
| Hanna | 28 | 28⅛ |
| Harcourt | 40⅝ | 40⅝ |
| Hershey Fd | 39⅞ | 39⅝ |
| Hewlett Pkd | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Hilton Hd | 45⅝ | 44⅛ |
| Home Depot | 49⅛ | 49⅝ |
| Homestake | 16⅝ | 16⅝ |
| Honeywell | 59⅜ | 60⅛ |
| Houston Ind | 35⅞ | 36 |
| Howtch Intl | 4⅝ | 4⅝ |
| Humana | 46⅛ | 46⅝ |
| IBM | 120⅜ | 120⅛ |
| IFF | 62⅝ | 62⅝ |
| Illinois TW | 55⅝ | 55 |
| Inco | 32½ | 31⅛ |
| Ingrsl-Rand | 51⅛ | 51⅛ |
| Inland Steel | 32⅝ | 32⅝ |
| Intel | 47⅛ | 47⅜ |
| Intl Paper | 62⅝ | 61⅞ |
| ITT | 56⅞ | 57⅛ |
| James River | 28⅝ | 28⅝ |
| Johnsn Johsn | 81⅞ | 81⅛ |
| K Mart | 28⅝ | 28⅝ |
| Kellogg | 65⅞ | 65⅜ |
| Kerr-McGee | 46⅝ | 46⅛ |
| Kimbly-Clrk | 86⅛ | 87⅛ |
| Knght-Rddr | 48⅝ | 48⅝ |
| Lilly | 72⅝ | 71⅞ |
| Limited | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Lin Bnkcrp | 66 | 66⅛ |
| Lincln Nat | 46⅛ | 46⅛ |
| Litton Ind | 63⅜ | 63⅝ |
| Lockheed | 40⅞ | 39⅝ |
| Louis-Pac | 32 | 31⅝ |
| Manu Hano | 28⅝ | 29⅜ |
| Marriott | 17⅝ | 17⅝ |
| Marsh Mclan | 76 | 75⅞ |
| Martin Mar | 46⅝ | 46⅝ |
| Masco | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| May Dept | 53⅜ | 51⅜ |
| Maytag | 13⅜ | 13⅜ |
| MCA | n/a | n/a |
| McDnl Doug | 40¼ | 40⅝ |
| McDonalds | 32⅝ | 32⅝ |
| McGraw-Hill | 57⅞ | 57⅝ |
| MCI Com | 25¼ | 25⅝ |
| Mead | 30⅝ | 29⅝ |
| Medtronic | 114¼ | 111 |
| Mellon | 46¾ | 46⅞ |
| Merck | 103¾ | 102⅝ |
| Merrill Lynch | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| MMM | 89 | 89⅛ |
| Mobil | 62⅝ | 63 |
| Monsanto | 59⅝ | 58⅜ |
| Moore | 23⅜ | 23⅜ |
| Morgan | 47⅛ | 46⅝ |
| Morrsn Knu | 27⅞ | 31½ |
| Nat Medical | 44⅝ | 44⅝ |
| Nat Semi | 7⅜ | 8⅛ |
| Nat Service | 25⅝ | 25⅝ |
| Navistar | 3¾ | 3⅝ |
| NCNB | 30⅝ | 30⅞ |
| NCR | 57 | 57⅛ |
| NED Bncp | 35⅝ | 35⅞ |
| Newmont Min | 37⅛ | 36⅝ |
| Nlagr Mwk | 14⅝ | 14⅜ |
| Nike | 46⅛ | 46⅜ |
| NL Industrs | 13⅛ | 13⅞ |
| Nordstrm | 36 | 36⅜ |
| Norfk Sthn | 44⅛ | 44⅜ |
| Norwest | 25⅞ | 25⅝ |
| Nthn St Pwr | 34⅜ | 34⅜ |
| Nthn Telcm | 30⅛ | 29⅞ |
| NY Times | 22⅞ | 22⅛ |
| Nynex | 74⅜ | 75 |
| Occid Petrl | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| Ohio Ed | 17⅞ | 18⅛ |
| Oneida Sys | 9⅝ | 9⅝ |
| Oryx Energy | 39⅝ | 39 |
| Pac Ent | 41⅝ | 42 |
| Pac Gas Elec | 23⅛ | 23⅝ |
| Pac Telesis | 40⅝ | 40⅝ |
| Pall | 40⅞ | 40⅝ |
| Palltronp | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Penl | 31⅝ | 32⅜ |
| Pennzoil | 42 | 42⅛ |
| Perkin-Elmr | 27¼ | 27⅝ |
| Pfizer | 55⅜ | 54 |
| Phelps Dodge | 71⅝ | 71 |
| Philips Pet | 27¾ | 28 |
| Phillips Elec | 13⅝ | 13⅝ |
| Philp Morris | 89⅝ | 89⅝ |
| Phipps Dodge | 67¼ | 66⅝ |
| Pitney Bow | 52⅜ | 51⅞ |
| Pnc Bancp | 14⅛ | 14⅜ |
| PNC Fncl | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Pondle Elec | 14⅜ | 14⅛ |
| Polaroid | 28⅝ | 27 |
| PPG Inds | 62⅝ | 62⅝ |
| Procr Gamble | 92¾ | 92 |
| Price | 44 | 42⅝ |
| Primerica | 52⅜ | 51⅞ |
| Pub Service | 28⅝ | 27 |
| Quaker Oats | 59⅝ | 59⅝ |
| Raytheon Pur | 108⅜ | 106⅝ |
| Raytown | 27⅜ | 27¼ |
| Raython | 76⅝ | 76⅜ |
| Reebok | 29⅝ | 29⅝ |
| Rohdway | 43⅝ | 43⅝ |
| Rockwell | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Rohm Haas | 42⅝ | 42⅝ |
| Royal Dutch | 80⅞ | 80⅝ |
| Rubbermaid | 43⅝ | 44 |
| Ryndds Ind | 6⅝ | 6⅝ |
| Safeco | 39⅞ | 39⅝ |
| Salomon | 27⅞ | 27⅞ |
| Sant Fe Pac | 7⅜ | 7⅜ |
| Sara Lee | 35⅝ | 34⅝ |
| Schlmbrgr | 63⅛ | 63⅝ |
| Schrng-Plgh | 60 | 59⅝ |
| Scott Paper | 43⅝ | 44⅛ |
| Seagram | 65⅜ | 64⅞ |
| Sears Rbk | 50⅝ | 51⅛ |
| Sears Roeb | 30⅝ | 30⅛ |
| Shawmut | 23 | 23⅛ |
| Shrlfrd | 16⅝ | 16⅝ |
| Shap-on Tls | 31 | 31⅛ |
| Southern | 27⅜ | 27⅜ |
| St Paul | 67 | 67⅜ |
| Stanley Wkr | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| Stone Cntr | 14⅜ | 15 |
| Sun Co | 32⅝ | 33 |
| Sunst Bk | 28⅝ | 28⅝ |
| Super Valu | 26⅜ | 25⅞ |
| SW Bell | 54⅛ | 54⅜ |
| Sprint | 32⅝ | 31⅞ |
| Synco | 37⅜ | 37⅛ |
| Tandem | 13⅝ | 13⅝ |
| Tandy | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Tele-Comm | 19 | 19 |
| Teledyne | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| Tenneco | 50 | 49⅞ |
| Texaco | 62⅝ | 64⅛ |
| Texas Inst | 41⅛ | 40⅞ |
| Texas Utl | 36⅝ | 36⅝ |
| Textron | 52⅝ | 52⅝ |
| Time Wrnr | 100 | 100⅝ |
| Times Mir | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| Timken | 27⅞ | 27⅝ |
| Torchmark | 33 | 33⅛ |
| Toys R Us | 27⅛ | 26⅝ |
| Transatn | 2⅝ | 2⅝ |
| Travelers | 20⅝ | 21⅛ |
| Tribune | 43⅛ | 42 |
| TRW | 40⅛ | 40⅛ |
| Tyco Lab | 46⅝ | 46 |
| UAL | 147¼ | 149⅝ |
| Un Camp | 41⅞ | 41⅜ |
| Un Carbide | 19⅜ | 19⅝ |
| Un Pacific | 76⅝ | 76⅛ |
| Unilever | 66⅛ | 65 |
| Unisys | 4⅛ | 4⅛ |
| Unocal | 27⅜ | 27 |
| Upjohn | 45⅞ | 46⅛ |
| US West | 34⅞ | 34⅝ |
| Utsir Cp | 23⅜ | 22⅝ |
| USFMG | 9⅝ | 9⅝ |
| UST | 52⅝ | 52⅝ |
| USX | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Utd Tech | 49⅝ | 49 |
| Utd Telcm | 24⅝ | 24⅝ |
| VF | 25⅝ | 25⅝ |
| Wal-Mart | 36⅛ | 36⅛ |
| Walgreen | n/a | n/a |
| Wang Lb Nonvt | 41⅝ | 42⅜ |
| Wells Fargo | 77⅞ | 78⅝ |
| Westg Elec | 27⅞ | 27⅞ |
| Weyerhsr | 33⅛ | 33⅝ |
| Whirlpool | 28⅞ | 28⅝ |
| Widmen | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| Wlms-Olds | 27⅝ | 27⅝ |
| Woolworth | 33⅞ | 33⅛ |
| Wrigley | 60⅝ | 60⅝ |
| Wrner-Lamb | 76 | 76 |
| Xerox | 67⅛ | 66⅝ |

## MAJOR INDICES

| | |
|---|---|
| New York: | |
| Dow Jones | 2931.68 (+21.78)* |
| S&P Composite | 371.78 (+1.31)* |
| Tokyo: | |
| Nikkei Average | 25976.02 (+94.45) |
| Hong Kong: | |
| Hang Seng | 3564.34 (+11.97) |
| FT-SE Euro 100 | 1054.99 (+9.29) |
| Amsterdam: | |
| CBS Tendency | 89.7 (+1.0) |
| Sydney: AO | 1387.2 (–8.0) |
| Frankfurt: DAX | 1530.86 (+14.12) |
| Brussels: | |
| General | 5621.11 (+3.75) |
| Paris: CAC | 468.01 (+1.89) |
| Zurich: SKA Gen | 543.9 (+6.5) |
| London: | |
| FT–A All-Share | 1154.87 (+0.39) |
| FT–"500" | 1289.19 (–0.21) |
| FT Gold Mines | 143.0 (same) |
| FT Fixed interest | 93.15 (–0.07) |
| FT Govt Secs | 84.61 (–0.15) |
| Bargains | 37518 |
| SEAQ Volume | 488.8m |
| USM (Datastream) | 123.63 (+1.07) |

*Denotes latest trading price

## RECENT ISSUES

| EQUITIES | |
|---|---|
| Atlantis Resources | 37 |
| Aberforth Smlr (100p) | 115 +5 |
| Brabant Res (155p) | 154 |
| CMW Group (30p) | 25 |
| Castle Calm (50p) | 38 |
| EFM Java Tst (50p) | 38 |
| East German Inv | 108 +3 |
| Eldos (100p) | 89 |
| Europe Energy | 15 |
| Faber Prest (175p) | 129 –4 |
| Foreign & Col | 47 |
| Highcroft Inv | 160 |
| Invergordon (135p) | 162 –1 |
| Levercrest (108p) | 59 |
| MMEC | 3½ |
| MMI (20p) | 23½ +2 |
| Malaysia Capital | 28½ |
| Midland Radio | 95 |
| Pelican Gp (50p) | 21 |
| Proteus Intl (84p) | 96 |
| Seton Healthcare | 186 |
| St James Place (130p) | 72 |
| Smaller IT | 77 +2 |
| Stand Platform (225p) | 188 |
| Tr Euro Gwth (100p) | 90 |
| Trio Inv Tst | 44 |
| Utd Uniform | 88 |
| Unicherm (100p) | 146 +2 |
| Wig Tpe App | 207 +4 |

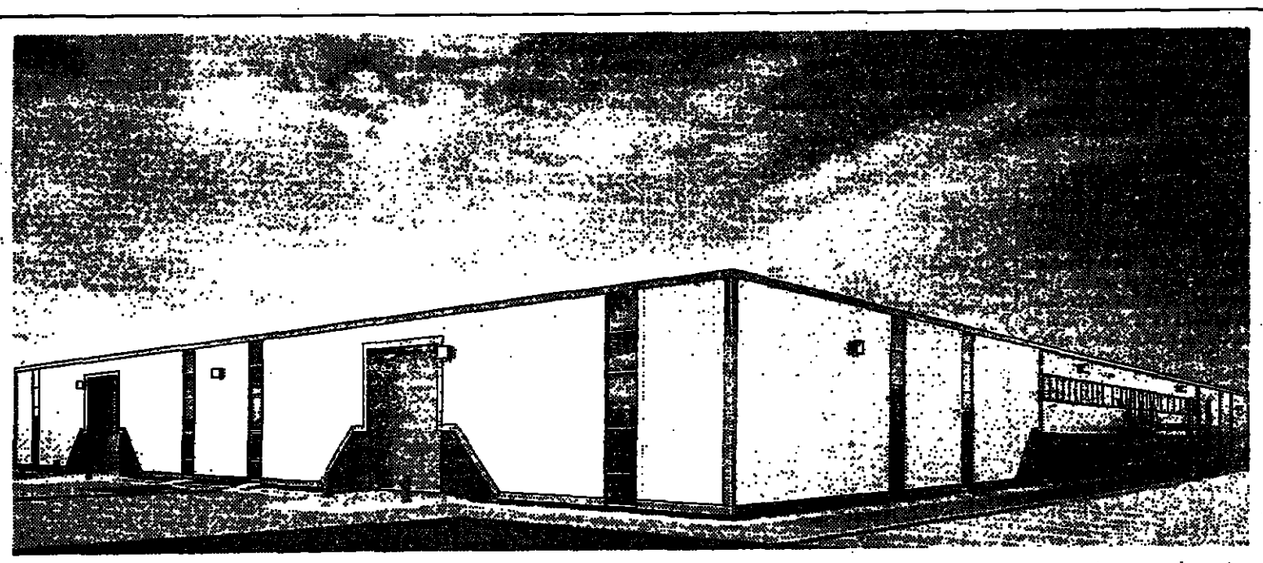
## FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey Nat | 3,849 | Cadbury | 3,418 | L&G | 1,112 | Royal Bnk | 1,435 |
| Allid-Lyons | 2,217 | GU | 650 | Lloyds | 3,548 | Royal Ins | 1,489 |
| Anglfen | 318 | Courtaulds | 658 | Lonrho | 895 | Sainsbury | 949 |
| ASDA | 1,348 | Dalgety | 744 | Lucas | 4,747 | Scot & N | 1,023 |
| AB Foods | 157 | Enterprise | 310 | M&S | 7,337 | Sears | 4,916 |
| Argyll | 1,743 | Eurotunnel | 109 | Maxwell Cm | 638 | Severn Trnt | 891 |
| BAA | 971 | Fisons | 1,828 | MEPC | 341 | Shell | 3,886 |
| BET | 1,751 | Gen Acc | 1,822 | Midland | 10,237 | Smith & N | 948 |
| BTR | 1,136 | GEC | 10,287 | Nat West | 2,468 | SK Beech | 1,878 |
| BAT | 1,507 | Glaxo | 1,152 | N W Water | 1,257 | Sun Allince | 2,415 |
| Barclays | 3,235 | Grand Met | 2,167 | P&O | 894 | Tarmac | 1,499 |
| Bass | 1,121 | GUS 'A' | 389 | Pearson | 667 | Tate Lyle | 1,282 |
| BICC | 978 | GRE | 760 | Pilkington | 3,586 | TSB | 5,947 |
| Bk Scotind | 1,295 | GKN | 2,295 | Prudential | 1,200 | Tesco | 3,118 |
| Blue Circle | 3,409 | Guinness | 3,296 | Racal | 3,586 | Thames Wtr | 1,193 |
| BOC | 557 | Hamm 'A' | 12 | Rk Hovis | 131 | Thorn EMI | 545 |
| Boots | 2,115 | Hanson | 4,229 | Rank | 461 | Trafalgar | 3,024 |
| Br Aero | 1,900 | H & C | 1,145 | R&C | 319 | THF | 4,099 |
| Br Airways | 5,894 | Hawker | 555 | Redland | 736 | Ultramar | 606 |
| Br Gas | 8,500 | Hillsdown | 665 | Reed | 716 | Unilever | 1,439 |
| Br Petrol | 8,788 | ICI | 979 | Reuters | 160 | United Bis | 356 |
| Br Steel | 12,283 | Kingfisher | 391 | RMC Gp | 222 | Wellcome | 1,757 |
| Br Telecm | 10,854 | Lasmo | 1,301 | RTZ | 703 | Whitbrd. | 449 |
| Burmah Cst | 384 | Ladbroke | 2,899 | R-Royce | 3,686 | Wig Teape | 2,805 |
| C&W | 3,232 | Land Sec | 949 | Rothmn 'B' | 258 | Willis Cor | 899 |

## WORLD MARKET INDICES

| Index | Value | Daily ch'ge (%) | Yearly ch'ge (%) | Daily ch'ge (Loc)* | Yearly ch'ge (Loc)* | Daily ch'ge (US$) | Yearly ch'ge (US$) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The World | 648.9 | –0.1 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 11.9 | –0.3 | 11.2 |
| (free) | 124.0 | –0.1 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 11.7 | –0.4 | 11.1 |
| EAFE | 1105.5 | –0.3 | 12.7 | 0.0 | 11.6 | –0.5 | 10.8 |
| (free) | 113.5 | –0.3 | 12.6 | –0.2 | 11.4 | –0.5 | 10.7 |
| Europe | 867.9 | 0.4 | 12.2 | 0.3 | 12.7 | 0.1 | 10.3 |
| (free) | 144.2 | 0.4 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 10.0 |
| Nth America | 479.5 | 0.2 | 13.8 | –0.1 | 11.9 | –0.1 | 11.9 |
| Nordic | 1275.7 | 0.6 | 17.3 | 0.5 | 17.3 | 0.4 | 15.8 |
| (free) | 208.1 | 1.0 | 16.4 | 0.9 | 16.5 | 0.7 | 14.4 |
| Pacific | 2439.4 | –0.8 | 13.1 | –0.4 | 10.7 | –1.0 | 11.2 |
| Far East | 3536.6 | –0.8 | 13.1 | –0.3 | 10.8 | –1.0 | 11.2 |
| Australia | 256.3 | –1.4 | 11.6 | –0.7 | 9.1 | –1.7 | 9.7 |
| Austria | 1450.8 | –0.2 | 10.9 | –0.3 | 11.9 | –0.4 | 9.0 |
| Belgium | 794.4 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 13.1 | –0.1 | 10.8 |
| Canada | 459.8 | 0.1 | 8.1 | 0.2 | 6.0 | –0.1 | 6.3 |
| Denmark | 1229.5 | 0.4 | 14.0 | 0.2 | 14.5 | 0.1 | 12.1 |
| Finland | 70.1 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 0.1 | 9.7 | –0.1 | 7.1 |
| (free) | 102.4 | 0.5 | 19.1 | 0.4 | 19.9 | 0.3 | 17.1 |
| France | 857.2 | 1.1 | 14.6 | 1.1 | 15.8 | 0.9 | 12.7 |
| Germany | 740.2 | 0.6 | 8.1 | 0.6 | 9.0 | 0.4 | 6.3 |
| Hong Kong | 2317.0 | 0.7 | 20.4 | 0.4 | 18.3 | 0.4 | 18.4 |
| Italy | 279.9 | 0.3 | 9.7 | 0.1 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 7.8 |
| Japan | 3699.1 | –0.8 | 12.8 | –0.4 | 10.5 | –1.1 | 10.9 |
| Netherlands | 792.8 | 0.6 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 8.2 | 0.3 | 5.6 |
| New Zealand | 58.6 | –2.6 | 13.8 | –2.3 | 9.9 | –2.8 | 11.9 |
| Norway | 1170.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 5.4 | 1.8 | 3.3 |
| (free) | 208.5 | 2.6 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 7.6 | 2.3 | 5.5 |
| Sing/Malay | 1723.4 | 0.6 | 18.9 | 0.6 | 16.6 | 0.4 | 16.9 |
| Spain | 195.9 | 0.3 | 19.3 | 0.1 | 17.5 | 0.1 | 17.3 |
| Sweden | 1420.7 | 0.4 | 24.8 | 0.4 | 24.3 | 0.2 | 22.7 |
| (free) | 205.2 | 0.9 | 23.7 | 0.8 | 23.2 | 0.7 | 21.6 |
| Switzerland | 798.9 | 1.2 | 13.0 | 1.3 | 16.0 | 1.0 | 11.1 |
| (free) | 120.0 | 1.3 | 11.6 | 1.3 | 14.6 | 1.0 | 9.7 |
| UK | 718.3 | –0.1 | 12.4 | –0.1 | 12.4 | –0.4 | 10.5 |
| USA | 436.0 | 0.2 | 14.3 | –0.1 | 12.3 | –0.1 | 12.3 |

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# BUSINESS LETTERS

## Share conditions deter small investors

*From Mr A. H. Sargeant*

Sir, The prospectus for the Power Companies' share offer reveals that subscribers must take shares in both companies, the proportion in each company to be announced with the share price details.

This almost certainly ensures that investors will receive small allocations in each company, consequently if and when the investors wish to sell, a large proportion of any profits will be absorbed by dealing costs. In previous issues where investors have been allocated one hundred or one hundred and fifty shares they have immediately become a nuisance, not worth selling — not worth keeping. This condition of sale will deter small investors from even applying.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. SARGEANT,
15 Broadoak,
Horton,
Somerset.

## Labour advocates a return to bad old ways

*From Mr John Butterfill, MP*

Sir, Your Comment (February 26) in which you suggest that Labour's new industrial policy document is likely to strike a chord with business seems to have found little favour with business itself and departs markedly from comment in other serious newspapers.

*The Independent* newspaper describes the pamphlet *Modern Manufacturing Strength* as "Labour's intellectual muddle". The comments from the Confederation of British Industry is however even more telling since they correctly observe that the paper does not specify how Labour would tackle the inflation problem or how Labour's proposals would be financed without levies on industry or raising personal taxes and points out that Labour retains "a touching faith that the man in Whitehall knows best".

The CBI's comments go into the heart of the inconsistencies of Labour's proposals in that it is true that they contain no strategy for curbing inflation and that no attempt has been made to cost the proposals or give any indication as to how they would be paid for.

Labour's dilemma is made even more acute by the fact that their promises of immediate cash help for industry are in direct contradiction of the statements made by their Treasury spokesman, Margaret Beckett, that Labour will not honour any promises of incresed spending except on their principal priorities of pensions and child benefit. All other expenditure increases will have to wait "until resources allow".

Perhaps the most worrying aspect of Labour's proposals are that they return to the old Sixties policies of subsidies, quangos and tax allowances. Britain's improved industrial performance owes much to the fact that investment decisions are now based upon the needs of production directors rather than the tax avoidance advice of finance directors. It would be a tragedy if industry were encouraged to return to its bad old ways.

Last but by no means least Labour seems to be flying in the face of opinion throughout the world, even in the Socialist economies that they once admired, in its commitment to reintroduce nationalisation, specifically of British Telecom.

One would have hoped that nearly 12 years of Opposition might have enabled them to come up with some fresher thoughts.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BUTTERFILL, MP,
Joint Secretary,
Conservative Parliamentary Trade and Industry Committee,
House of Commons, SW1

## Bank is negating rates improvement

*From Mr D. Watt*

Sir, Last week the Chancellor reduced interest rates by ½ of one per cent. Two days later one of my small trading companies received notification from its bankers that they were proposing to increase the interest charges on the company's overdraft by one per cent. This was to a company which, for three years, has traded impeccably within its facility and kept the bank appraised of its progress. The small effort by the government to assist small companies by reducing rates has been totally negated by the bank. If interest rates are reduced again next week, one wonders what the reaction of the bank will be.

Yours faithfully,
D WATT,
Brook House, Burn Close,
Oxshott, Surrey.

## First Equity Ltd

*From Mr P. M. Henry*

Sir, I would like to make clear that First Equity Limited, who operate as an Inter Dealer Broker on the International Stock Exchange, have absolutely no connection with First Equity Insurance, whose winding up you described on Tuesday, February 26, 1991.

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Yours faithfully,
P M HENRY, Director,
First Equity Limited,
Salisbury House,
London Wall, EC2

## Family bonus would cut power register

*From Mr P. G. Brearley*

Sir, Your story (February 9) indicated that there was concern in the newly privatised electricity companies as to the large number of very small shareholdings that they look like having to service. There has been a great number of sales of such holdings but there remain a considerable body of families who wish to hold on to their shares as investments.

If they were to transfer their shares to one nominated member of the family there would be a loss of "incentives". Could not the companies forego that rule as a tidying up exercise for a once for all family consolidation? The saving to the companies of not printing and posting dividends, half and full year accounts would be considerable, and of course, ongoing.

The original rules were made under different circumstances to those that prevailed in the event of the sale. A new rule could be included in any future privatisation to cover such an eventuality.

Yours faithfully,
P. G. BREARLEY,
16 Park Road,
Thornton Cleveleys,
Blackpool, Lancs.

## Setting a tale of two dinners straight

*From Mr A. Coles*

Sir, Your amusing, but somewhat inaccurate, piece (City Diary, February 18) on the relationship between The Building Societies Association (BSA) and the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) requires correction in three areas:

a) The Council of Mortgage Lenders is a trade association which represents lenders accounting for more than 90 per cent of residential mortgages outstanding. All 99 members of the BSA are members of the CML.

b) The CML was not "dreamed up by The Building Societies Association's Director-General, Mark Boleat". Rather it was founded in response to a joint initiative undertaken by the Association of British Insurers, the Association of Mortgage Leaders, The Building Societies Association and the Finance Houses Association. All four trade associations recognise the advantages of a central organisation dealing with mortgage matters.

c) Two dinners are being organised at the BSA's Annual Conference in Glasgow in May for the simple reason that the Conference is so popular that not everybody can be squeezed into a single event. All members of the CML (including building societies) can choose to attend the "lounge suit" dinner if they wish.

We will, of course, be inviting your diary editor to both dinners, so that she can experience at first hand the work of the BSA and CML.

Yours faithfully,
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## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Strike | Calls Apr | Jul | Oct | Puts Apr | Jul | Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allied Lyons | 460 | 73 | 81 | 91 | 3 | 7½ | 10 |
| (*520) | 500 | 48 | 49 | 63 | 7½ | 18 | 23 |
| | 550 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 32 | 45 | 48 |
| ASDA | 120 | 19 | 24 | 26 | 2 | 4 | 6½ |
| (*134) | 130 | 11 | 18 | 22 | 5½ | 7 | 10 |
| | 140 | 5½ | 11 | 15 | 10 | 12 | 14 |
| Bass | 950 | 137 | 160 | 185 | 4½ | 12 | 19 |
| (*1073) | 1000 | 94 | 117 | 147 | 10 | 25 | 32 |
| | 1050 | 55 | 87 | 115 | 25 | 44 | 53 |
| Boots | 300 | 63 | 68 | 72 | 1 | 4 | 5½ |
| (*355) | 330 | 36 | 42 | 52 | 3½ | 11 | 13 |
| | 360 | 15 | 23 | 32 | 14 | 22 | 24 |
| Br Airways | 140 | 34 | 38 | 41 | 1½ | 4 | 5 |
| (*173) | 160 | 19 | 24 | 27 | 4 | 9 | 12 |
| | 180 | 7½ | 12 | 18 | 14 | 21 | 23 |
| BP | 300 | 40 | 46 | 51 | 2½ | 6 | 9½ |
| (*332) | 330 | 15 | 25 | 31 | 11 | 16 | 21 |
| | 360 | 4 | 11 | - | 29 | 32 | - |
| Br Steel | 120 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (*142) | 130 | 16 | 19 | 21 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| | 140 | 8½ | 13 | 14 | 4½ | 9 | 10 |
| C & W | 460 | 77 | 88 | 100 | 3½ | 11 | 15 |
| (*526) | 500 | 42 | 57 | 75 | 10 | 21 | 28 |
| | 550 | 15 | 30 | 47 | 37 | 45 | 50 |
| CU | 460 | 71 | 78 | 83 | 3½ | 6 | 14 |
| (*526) | 500 | 31 | 48 | 58 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| | 550 | 9 | 23 | 30 | 46 | 48 | 53 |
| Courtauld | 330 | 62 | 65 | 76 | 1½ | 4 | 6½ |
| (*381) | 360 | 35 | 42 | 53 | 5 | 11 | 14 |
| | 390 | 15 | 24 | 34 | 16 | 24 | 27 |
| GKN | 330 | 45 | 50 | 58 | 7 | 11 | 17 |
| (*369) | 360 | 17 | 32 | 37 | 18 | 23 | 30 |
| | 390 | 7 | - | - | 40 | - | - |
| Grand Met | 650 | 86 | 107 | 122 | 5 | 14 | 18 |
| (*719) | 700 | 46 | 70 | 90 | 16 | 28 | 34 |
| | 750 | 20 | 44 | 63 | 40 | 52 | 57 |
| ICI | 950 | 110 | 125 | 140 | 14 | 25 | 35 |
| (*1030) | 1000 | 60 | 90 | 109 | 29 | 42 | 55 |
| | 1050 | 30 | 65 | 82 | 57 | 64 | 79 |
| Kingfisher | 390 | 62 | 71 | 78 | 2½ | 8 | 13 |
| (*440) | 420 | 37 | 46 | 58 | 8 | 17 | 22 |
| | 460 | 15 | 26 | 35 | 26 | 36 | 35 |
| Ladbroke | 240 | 45 | 48 | 55 | 3½ | 9 | 11 |
| (*272) | 260 | 26 | 34 | 41 | 6 | 15 | 19 |
| | 280 | 13½ | 22 | 30 | 14 | 25 | 28 |
| Land Sec | 500 | 50 | 60 | 67 | 3½ | 10 | 13 |
| (*536) | 550 | 17 | 26 | 40 | 21 | 32 | 35 |
| | 600 | 4 | 10 | 20 | 65 | 71 | 74 |
| M & S | 220 | 22 | 27 | 34 | 3½ | 8 | 10 |
| (*235) | 240 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 11 | 18 | 20 |
| | 260 | 3 | 8½ | 14 | 26 | 29 | 31 |
| Sainsbury | 300 | 36 | 42 | 52 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| (*327) | 330 | 15 | 23 | 32 | 11 | 17 | 20 |
| | 360 | 3½ | 10 | 19 | 35 | 36 | 37 |
| Shell | 420 | 60 | 75 | 85 | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| (*469) | 460 | 26 | 46 | 55 | 11 | 16 | 22 |
| | 500 | 7 | 24 | - | 35 | 37 | - |
| Smith Beech | 600 | 123 | 138 | 152 | 1½ | 6 | 11 |
| (*719) | 650 | 78 | 98 | 115 | 6 | 16 | 22 |
| | 700 | 40 | 65 | 82 | 19 | 30 | 40 |
| Stanley | 100 | 21 | 24 | 26 | 1½ | 4 | 5 |
| (*116) | 110 | 13 | 18 | 20 | 4 | 6½ | 8 |
| | 120 | 6½ | 11½ | 14 | 8 | 12 | 13 |
| Trafalgar | 220 | 46 | 48 | 59 | 3½ | 10 | 13 |
| (*262) | 240 | 31 | 36 | 47 | 7½ | 18 | 23 |
| | 260 | 18 | 27 | 35 | 16 | 28 | 32 |
| Ultramar | 360 | 58 | 65 | 68 | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| (*359) | 330 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 8 | 10 | 16 |
| | 360 | 12 | 25 | 35 | 20 | 27 | 27 |
| Unilever | 600 | 115 | 122 | - | 2 | 5 | - |
| (*707) | 650 | 66 | 81 | 100 | 6 | 15 | 18 |
| | 700 | 27 | 50 | 68 | 23 | 32 | 37 |
| | 750 | 9 | 28 | 44 | 60 | 67 | 69 |
| Utd Biscuits | 330 | 44 | 51 | 59 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| (*369) | 360 | 18 | 29 | 38 | 11 | 17 | 20 |
| | 390 | 5 | 14 | 23 | 38 | 35 | 38 |

| | Strike | Calls May | Aug | Nov | Puts May | Aug | Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA | 360 | 75 | 77 | 88 | 3½ | 7 | 9 |
| (*420) | 390 | 51 | 54 | 68 | 7 | 15 | 18 |
| | 420 | 31 | 37 | 49 | 18 | 27 | 28 |
| BAT Ind | 550 | 135 | 140 | - | 3½ | 6 | - |
| (*689) | 600 | 88 | 103 | 108 | 6 | 15 | 19 |
| | 650 | 53 | 68 | 77 | 20 | 30 | 38 |
| | 700 | 25 | 45 | 52 | 45 | 58 | 63 |
| BTR | 360 | 85 | 47 | 55 | 10 | 14 | 17 |
| (*387) | 390 | 17 | 31 | 37 | 23 | 25 | 30 |
| | 420 | 7 | - | - | 47 | - | - |
| Br Aero | 550 | 85 | 102 | 113 | 9 | 15 | 21 |
| (*624) | 600 | 47 | 70 | 82 | 25 | 32 | 40 |
| | 650 | 24 | 43 | 56 | 52 | 60 | 65 |
| Br Telecom | 280 | 42 | 48 | 53 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| (*310) | 300 | 26 | 34 | 40 | 8 | 14 | 15 |
| | 330 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 24 | 28 | 30 |
| Cadbury | 330 | 29 | 41 | 46 | 8 | 10 | 16 |
| (*351) | 360 | 12 | 24 | 30 | 27 | 28 | 31 |
| | 390 | 4½ | 12 | 18 | 52 | 53 | 53 |
| Guinness | 750 | 70 | 93 | 107 | 17 | 24 | 27 |
| (*799) | 800 | 40 | 63 | 77 | 38 | 45 | 50 |
| | 850 | 18 | 40 | 55 | 70 | 75 | 80 |
| GEC | 180 | 29 | 32 | 35 | 2½ | 5½ | 7 |
| (*201) | 200 | 14 | 17 | 22 | 6½ | 13 | 15 |
| | 220 | 5½ | 8½ | 12½ | 28 | 25 | 24 |
| Hanson | 200 | 37 | 40½ | 47 | 1½ | 3½ | 5 |
| (*228) | 220 | 19 | 26 | 32 | 3 | 9 | 10 |
| | 240 | 9½ | 14½ | 20 | 15 | 17 | 18 |
| LASMO | 330 | 56 | 66 | 76 | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| (*375) | 360 | 35 | 46 | 56 | 16 | 20 | 29 |
| | 390 | 18 | 31 | 40 | 35 | 35 | 48 |
| P & O | 500 | 114 | 115 | - | 4 | 7½ | - |
| (*610) | 550 | 63 | 73 | 80 | 13 | 21 | 27 |
| | 600 | 31 | 45 | 52 | 35 | 44 | 50 |
| Pilkington | 160 | 36 | 36 | 39 | 3 | 7 | 9½ |
| (*188) | 180 | 20 | 22 | 28 | 8 | 15 | 16 |
| | 200 | 10 | 13 | 19 | 19 | 26 | 27 |

| | Strike | Calls May | Aug | Nov | Puts May | Aug | Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prudential | 280 | 30 | 34 | 37 | 3 | 5½ | 7½ |
| (*224) | 220 | 14 | 22 | 25 | 10 | 13 | 16 |
| | 240 | 5½ | 12 | 16 | 23 | 25 | 28 |
| Rand | 160 | 56 | 59 | 64 | 1 | 2½ | 4 |
| (*210) | 180 | 36 | 43 | 49 | 2½ | 6 | 8 |
| | 200 | 23 | 30 | 36 | 7½ | 11 | 14 |
| | 220 | 13 | 20 | 24 | 16 | 23 | 24 |
| RTZ | 420 | 123 | 130 | - | 3 | 5 | - |
| (*531) | 460 | 82 | 92 | 103 | 8 | 11 | 14 |
| | 500 | 45 | 62 | 74 | 16 | 18 | 22 |
| | 550 | 20 | 36 | 43½ | 39 | 39 | 43 |
| Scot Newc | 330 | 70 | 75 | - | 3 | 5½ | - |
| (*386) | 360 | 43 | 52 | 58 | 6½ | 13 | 15 |
| | 390 | 24 | 32 | 40 | 16 | 25 | 28 |
| | 420 | 12 | 19 | 27 | 36 | 42 | 47 |
| Tesco | 214 | 36 | 41 | - | 3 | 4 | - |
| (*243) | 233 | 19 | 26 | - | 6 | 8½ | - |
| | 253 | 8 | 14 | - | 17 | 20 | - |
| Thames W | 280 | 34 | 38 | 42 | 5 | 10 | 11 |
| (*301) | 300 | 19 | 25 | 30 | 11 | 18 | 21 |
| | 330 | 8 | 11 | 15 | 29 | 37 | 40 |
| Lucas | 130 | 40 | 44 | - | 1½ | 3 | - |
| (*163) | 140 | 31 | 38 | 38 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| | 160 | 16 | 22 | 26 | 8 | 11 | 13 |

| | Strike | Calls Apr | Jul | Oct | Puts Apr | Jul | Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fisons | 390 | 52 | 67 | 80 | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| (*438) | 420 | 29 | 46 | 59 | 11 | 16 | 19 |
| | 460 | 10 | 24 | 36 | 34 | 36 | 37 |

| | Strike | Calls Mar | Jun | Sep | Puts Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey Nat | 220 | 43 | 44 | 46 | 1 | 3 | 4½ |
| (*262) | 240 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 3 | 6½ | 10 |
| | 260 | 7 | 15 | 22 | 12 | 13 | 18 |
| Amstrad | 60 | 5½ | 13½ | 16½ | 1¼ | 4 | 5½ |
| (*68) | 70 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 4½ | 8 | 10 |
| | 80 | ¼ | - | - | 12 | - | - |
| Barclays | 360 | 75 | 75 | 81 | 2½ | 5 | 12 |
| (*430) | 390 | 43 | 52 | 60 | 5½ | 13 | 19 |
| | 420 | 17 | 31 | 40 | 16 | 23 | 33 |
| Blue Circle | 240 | 41 | 43 | 49 | 2 | 8 | 11 |
| (*279) | 260 | 22 | 30 | 36 | 4½ | 14 | 20 |
| | 280 | 10 | 19 | 26 | 14 | 25 | 29 |
| Br Gas | 220 | 21 | 31 | 33 | 2½ | 5 | 8 |
| (*258) | 240 | 6 | 17 | 20 | 6 | 10½ | 16 |
| | 260 | 2 | 7½ | 9½ | 23 | 25 | 29 |
| Dixons | 140 | 40 | 45 | 47 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (*177) | 160 | 21 | 30 | 32 | 1½ | 5 | 10 |
| | 180 | 6 | 16 | 20 | 8 | 13 | 17 |
| Glaxo | 980 | 88 | 124 | 154 | 4 | 17 | 28 |
| (*985) | 950 | 45 | 88 | - | 15 | 32 | - |
| | 1000 | 17 | 60 | - | 41 | 54 | - |
| Hawker | 460 | 108 | 115 | 120 | 2 | 9 | 13 |
| (*561) | 500 | 70 | 75 | 93 | 6 | 17 | 24 |
| | 550 | 27 | 42 | 60 | 17 | 40 | 45 |
| Hillsdown | 180 | 47 | 52 | 55 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| (*222) | 200 | 27 | 35 | 42 | 2½ | 9 | 14 |
| | 220 | 13 | 22 | 32 | 8 | 19 | 22 |
| Lonrho | 200 | 34 | 44 | 47 | 1½ | 4 | 6 |
| (*230) | 220 | 17 | 26 | 34 | 3½ | 8 | 12 |
| | 240 | 5 | 18 | 21 | 11 | 17 | 22 |
| Midland | 160 | 32 | 32 | 36 | 3½ | 8 | 10 |
| (*190) | 180 | 13 | 21 | 26 | 10 | 17 | 20 |
| | 200 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 25 | 27 | 32 |
| | 220 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 45 | 45 | 49 |
| Reuter | 750 | 52 | - | 117 | 15 | - | 50 |
| (*797) | 800 | 25 | - | 92 | 34 | - | 70 |
| | 850 | 9 | - | 70 | 70 | - | 102 |
| R-Royce | 140 | 29 | 32 | 34 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| (*166) | 160 | 11 | 16 | 22 | 4 | 9 | 12 |
| | 180 | 2½ | 8 | 11 | 17 | 21 | 23 |
| Sears | 80 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 3½ | 4½ |
| (*91) | 90 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 7½ | 8½ |
| | 100 | 1½ | 3 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 15 |
| THF | 240 | 41 | 43 | 46 | 1½ | 5 | 7 |
| (*277) | 260 | 20 | 27 | 33 | 3½ | 10½ | 14 |
| | 280 | 8½ | 15 | 22 | 11 | 20 | 24 |
| Thorn EMI | 600 | 110 | 127 | 132 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| (*707) | 650 | 62 | 85 | 92 | 3 | 10 | 23 |
| | 700 | 34 | 50 | 60 | 15 | 27 | 44 |
| | 750 | 5 | - | - | 50 | - | - |
| TSB | 130 | 31 | 35 | 37 | 1 | 2 | 2½ |
| (*158) | 140 | 21 | 26 | 29 | 1 | 3½ | 6 |
| | 160 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 6 | 10 | 12 |
| Utd Biscuits | 50 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 1½ | 4 | 6 |
| (*360) | 60 | 4 | 9½ | 11 | 6 | 8 | 12 |
| Wellcome | 460 | 34 | 55 | 72 | 9 | 21 | 27 |
| (*482) | 500 | 12 | 35 | 50 | 25 | 42 | 45 |
| | 550 | 3 | 18 | 31 | 74 | 72 | 75 |

| | Strike | Calls Mar | May | Aug | Puts Mar | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Enterp Elec | 140 | 25 | 31 | 33 | 1 | 3 | 5½ |
| (*164) | 160 | 9 | 15 | 20 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| | 180 | 2 | 7½ | 10 | 17 | 19 | 26 |
| Siten Elec | 140 | 35 | 40 | - | 1½ | 2½ | - |
| (*174) | 160 | 17 | 23 | - | 3 | 5½ | - |
| | 180 | 3½ | 11 | - | 9 | 11 | - |
| Elec Pack | 1800 | 90 | 125 | - | 50 | 90 | - |
| (*1815) | 1850 | 60 | 90 | - | 70 | 100 | - |
| | 1900 | 40 | 80 | - | 110 | 120 | - |

FT-SE INDEX (*2380)

| | 2250 | 2300 | 2350 | 2400 | 2450 | 2500 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calls | | | | | | |
| Mar | 155 | 108 | 72 | 38 | 19 | 8 |
| Apr | 182 | 140 | 101 | 67 | 46 | 27 |
| May | 192 | 155 | 123 | 92 | 66 | 46 |
| Jun | 212 | 170 | 138 | 110 | 80 | 64 |
| Dec | — | 270 | — | 210 | — | 159 |
| Puts | | | | | | |
| Mar | 7 | 14 | 28 | 51 | 83 | 123 |
| Apr | 19 | 31 | 46 | 69 | 97 | 135 |
| May | 32 | 42 | 57 | 78 | 107 | 150 |
| Jun | 38 | 48 | 62 | 87 | 118 | 142 |
| Dec | — | 87 | — | 128 | — | 180 |

March 4, 1991 Total: 43966 Calls 27627 Puts 16339 FT-SE: Calls 4074 Puts 2364
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|---|---|---|---|
| March 4 | March 15 | June 13 | June 24 |

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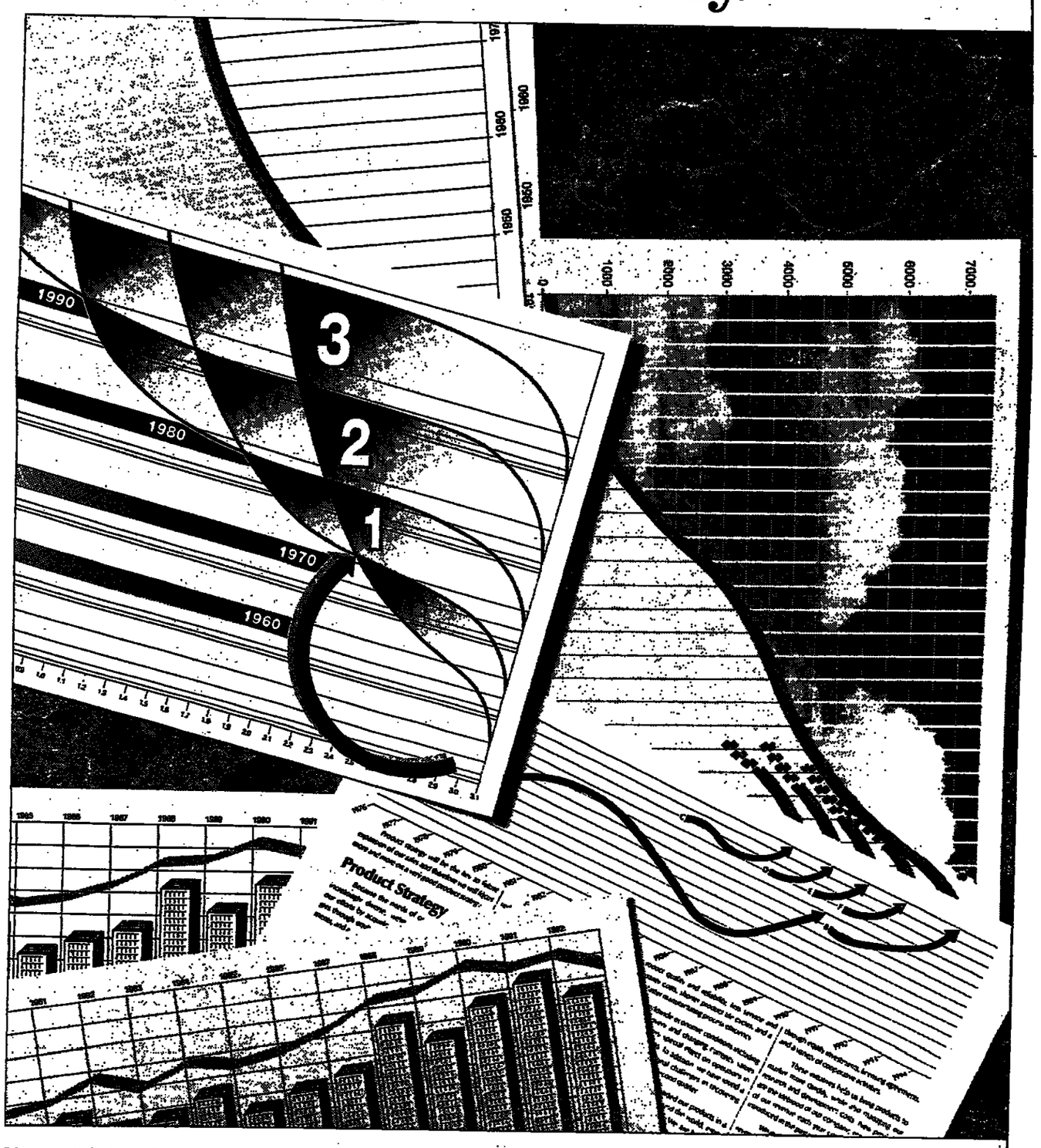
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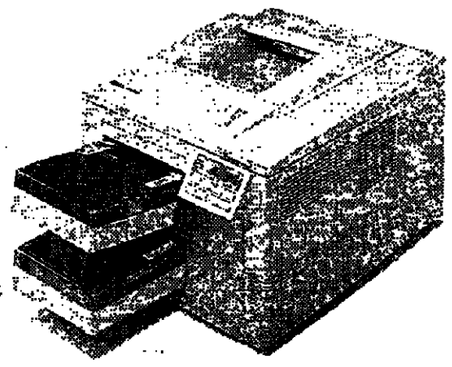

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| Do Acc | 149.3 | 161.9p | +4.5 | 3.50 |
| High Assur | 94.6p | 99.0p | +2.1p | 2.95 |
| Gt/Inc | 86.9p | 92.2 | +2.7p | 0.00 |
| Exempt | 272.2 | 288.8 | +8.7 | 4.54 |
| Recov | 84.0p | 89.3p | +2.6p | 2.69 |
| Germany | 34.6? | 37.3? | +0.9p | 0.00 |
| Ind Recov | 26.2p | 28.0? | +0.7p | 0.28 |
| Europe | 76.6p | 81.5p | +2.4? | 0.52 |
| Conv Genrl | 17.9? | 19.0?x | +0.2? | 9.20 |

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Buckster House 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4567 Dealing 071-247 7474

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fellowship Inc | 82.9? | 88.3? | +1.0? | 3.28 |
| Do Acc | 98.2? | 99.9? | +1.1? | 3.28 |
| Inc Fund 3 | 169.9 | 170.7 | +0.8 | 5.49 |
| Do Acc 3 | 231.5 | 243.1 | +20.8 | 5.49 |
| Inv Port Inc | 83.6p | 91.8xa | +1.6? | 2.98 |
| Do Acc | 84.0p | 88.9?x | +1.7p | 2.98 |
| Stock Inc 5 | 87.0? | 91.5? | +1.1? | 5.87 |
| Do Acc 5 | 98.7? | 103.7 | +1.3? | 5.87 |
| Hi Inc Prf Int | 45.3p | 48.9xa | +1.4? | 5.87 |

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL
Tel: 071-488 7210
Shr Gt Pfd Int 58.7? 60.5xa -2.2? 2.76

CIN UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 165 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-827 5000

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Energy | 84.7? | 100.8 | +3.0? | 2.43 |
| Environ | 84.7? | 100.8 | +3.0? | 2.43 |
| UK Growth | 108.3 | 115.5p | +3.4 | 2.79 |
| UK Income | 108.3 | 115.1 | +2.5 | 5.89 |

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympia Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 081-902 8871

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gt Acc | 46.4p | 48.8p | +0.8? | 2.26 |
| Growth | 37.6p | 40.1?x | +1.0? | 4.57 |
| Income | 46.6p | 50.2?x | +1.0? | 6.93 |
| Far East | 35.6? | 38.4?x | +1.1? | 0.57 |
| Gilt Amer | 42.7? | 45.6?x | +1.2? | 0.00 |
| Global | 48.7? | 53.2?x | +0.9? | 1.76 |
| European | 60.7? | 64.8?x | +1.7? | 1.43 |
| Japan | 62.1? | 66.3? | +0.2? | 0.01 |
| Strategic Opp | 46.1? | 49.2? | +1.3? | 0.00 |
| Int Currency | 45.0? | 48.3? | +0.1? | 0.65 |

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
35 Finsbury Square, Manchester M2XAF
Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5566 Dealing: 061-236 5065

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Capital Unit Trust | | | | |
| Am & Gen | 77.3p | 82.7?x | +3.6? | 0.82 |
| Do Acc | 81.5? | 87.0?x | +3.8? | 0.82 |
| European | 56.0? | 59.8? | +0.7? | 1.49 |
| Do Acc | 57.2? | 60.9? | +0.7? | 1.49 |
| F Eastern | 37.2? | 39.8? | +0.5? | 0.00 |
| Do Acc | 47.3? | 50.3? | +0.9? | 0.00 |
| Gianbiers | 212.2 | 225.8p | +6.2 | 2.48 |
| Do Acc | 223.5 | 244.6p | +6.5 | 2.48 |
| Growth | 287.4 | 284.5p | +7.3 | 1.26 |
| Inc | 436.5 | 465.4p | +12.5 | 3.35 |
| Inc 5/Gth Inc | 317.5 | 337.9p | +10.3 | 5.45 |
| Do Acc | 366.0 | 410.3x | +13.0 | 5.45 |
| Master Portf | 278.1? | 82.2xa | +1.4? | 2.47 |
| Do Acc | 295.7? | 87.4xa | +1.5? | 2.47 |
| Spec Sits | 58.5? | 62.2? | +1.3? | 3.52 |
| Do Acc | 65.4? | 69.5? | +1.5? | 3.52 |

Managed Fund
High Yld Fixed 218.0? 10.3? +0.2? 5.67
Do Acc 230.9? 10.8? +0.3? 5.67

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
180 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4NB Tel: 071-623 8000 Dealing: 071-588 2828

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amer Index | 135.6 | 135.1p | +2.5 | 2.48 |
| Capl | 147.3 | 477.2 | +14.5 | 4.72 |
| Euro Index | 102.6 | 112.2p | +0.3 | 2.52 |
| Euro Growth | 68.5? | 73.1? | +0.3? | 2.80 |
| For Inst S S | 89.2? | 94.3? | +1.3? | 0.67 |
| Gold Gth S S | 92.9? | 98.2? | +2.6? | 5.42 |
| Income | 429.5 | 457.3 | +11.7 | 5.86 |
| Ind Sp Sits | 84.5? | 90.3? | +1.2? | 1.77 |
| Jap Index | 60.6? | 64.7? | +0.5? | 0.19 |
| N Amer | 288.7 | 291.4 | +4.9 | 2.02 |
| Tiger Index | 77.5? | 82.6? | +1.2? | 2.17 |
| UK Index | 100.9 | 107.8p | +2.4 | 4.26 |

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
20 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 071-588 2828

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amer Portf | 48.1? | 52.8? | +1.2? | 2.43 |
| Euro Port | 60.2? | 63.9? | +1.6? | 1.56 |
| Jap Portf | 42.3? | 46.5? | +0.5? | 2.29 |
| Pacific Portf | 46.2? | 50.8? | +0.6? | 1.80 |
| Portf | 85.0? | 88.5? | +1.0? | 2.99 |
| UK Inc/Gth | 54.2? | 58.1? | +0.9? | 7.11 |

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Inv | 471.5 | 475.6p | :: | 5.91 |
| Fixed Int | 134.9 | 139.5p | :: | 11.02 |
| Deposit | 100.0 | :: | :: | 13.35 |

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Income | 455.5 | 459.9 | :: | 6.28 |
| Acc | 515.8x | 16.0xa | :: | :: |
| Deposit | 100.0 | :: | :: | 13.35 |
| Fixd Int Inc | 109.4 | 109.5 | :: | 10.89 |
| Do Acc | 118.7 | 118.9xa | :: | :: |

CHINA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 138 Maidstone Kent ME13 8PH Tel: 0622-662 3030

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Exm Gth | 78.1? | 84.6? | +0.3? | 1.55 |
| 1992 Euro Spc | 58.3? | 62.4? | +1.0? | 1.57 |
| Fnd Inc | 61.8? | 66.2? | +1.4? | 3.68 |
| Nthrn Gth | 49.3? | 52.8? | +1.1? | 1.20 |
| Pacific Gth | 67.4? | 72.0? | +1.4? | 0.37 |
| UK Gth Acc | 65.3? | 69.9xa | +1.5? | 2.15 |
| Do Dist | 72.2? | 77.2?x | +1.4? | 2.15 |
| UK Income | 61.0? | 65.3?x | -0.4? | 6.62 |

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 0999

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Assets | 46.0? | 48.4?x | :: | 3.97 |
| Assets Inc Cp Ac | 46.0? | 48.4?x | :: | 3.97 |
| Prior Hse Inc | 157.1 | 165.5 | :: | 5.70 |
| Prior Hse Cap | 183.8 | 194.8 | :: | 3.11 |

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Dealing 071-588 2828

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am Gth | 65.0? | 69.2p | +1.9? | 2.62 |
| Euro Gth | 77.2? | 82.2? | +1.0? | 1.76 |
| Far East | 65.8? | 70.1? | +2.1? | 0.79 |
| Inc | 81.1 | 86.0p | +1.7 | 6.58 |
| Do Acc | 71.7? | 76.3?x | +0.3? | 6.58 |
| Jap Gth | 33.3? | 35.4? | +1.2? | 0.00 |
| Monthly Inc | 41.2? | 43.8? | -0.0? | 10.26 |
| Private Inv Pf | 50.5? | 53.7? | +0.4? | 5.51 |
| Prop Inv | 84.9? | 90.3? | +0.6? | 5.51 |
| Profess Inv Pf | 90.4? | 96.0? | +1.1? | 5.13 |
| Prog Inv Pf | 53.8? | 57.2? | +0.5? | 5.72 |
| Shelf Gth Inc | 44.4? | 44.4?p | +0.2? | 5.84 |
| Do Acc | 58.9? | 59.6?x | +1.0? | 4.27 |
| UK/Gen Inc | 58.9? | 62.5? | +1.1? | 4.46 |
| Do Acc | 67.1? | 71.4? | +1.4? | 4.46 |
| Wrldwide Bond | 47.0? | 49.9? | +1.2? | 5.51 |
| Wrldwide Sp Sit | 42.0? | 44.6?x | +1.5? | 1.57 |
| Do Acc | 48.3? | 46.3?x | +1.5? | 1.57 |
| Quilter Gen Inc | 87.2? | 92.7? | +1.3? | 5.51 |
| Quilter Int Acc | 85.3? | 101.3 | +1.8? | 1.13 |

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT
(Formerly Royal Trust Fund Management)
Pacific Basin 165.0 164.9p +4.1? 0.18
Property Shr 83.8? 88.1? +2.2? 7.22
Fixed/Gilts 52.3? 54.2?x -1.3? 11.25
Do Acc 72.9? 77.5?x -3.6? 11.25
Income 123.3 134.3p +2.6? 5.85
Do Acc 123.3 134.3p +2.6? 5.85
High Yield Inc 100.4 106.9p -1.3? 7.31
Do Acc 98.6? 98.1? +2.7? 1.89
Ind Inc 89.6? 94.1? +2.7? 1.89
Do Acc 97.4? 99.5? +2.9? 1.89
Preference Inc 96.6? 99.6?x -0.7? 11.38
Do Acc 160.7 171.0p -1.1? 11.38
PPT Canada 41.4? 44.0? +0.7? 0.00
PPT Continental 51.4? 54.6? +1.3? 0.05
PPT Europe 120.8 128.5 +1.0? 1.02
PPT Global 89.1? 89.6? +1.0? 4.17
PPT Gold 27.3? 29.0? +0.6? 0.00
PPT Hong Kong 87.1? 92.6? +1.8? 0.00
PPT HK 39.7? 42.2? +1.0? 2.82
PPT Japan 102.4 109.0? +4.0? 0.00
PPT Tiger 81.5? 86.6? +1.8? 0.00
PPT US 85.6? 90.9? +2.0? 1.77
PPT US Inc 85.6? 90.9? +2.0? 1.84
PPT Cash 78.5? +0.1? 14.20
Wrldwide Alpha 58.8? 62.5?x +1.5? 0.00
Do Acc 65.8? 64.4?x +1.8? 0.00

CRM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 0808

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Int Gth | 65.6? | 100.1 | +2.6? | 1.26 |
| Asian Growth | 69.1? | 72.5? | +0.5? | 0.00 |
| Euro Growth | 69.1? | 72.5? | +0.5? | 0.00 |
| Hong Kong | 41.4? | 44.1? | +0.7? | 1.56 |
| Jap Growth | 65.3? | 69.5?x | +1.7? | |
| Pacific Inc | 68.4? | 64.6? | +0.9? | 3.42 |
| Pacific Strat | 67.0? | 71.3? | +1.1? | 0.00 |
| UK Prog Inc | 70.0? | 74.5? | +1.9? | 5.16 |
| UK Smlr Cos | 65.4? | 69.3? | +1.1? | 5.16 |
| UK Strat Co | 65.4? | 67.3?x | +1.9? | 5.41 |

CRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 1515

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash | 113.5 | | +0.2 | 13.56 |
| Gyfrol Interest | 108.7 | 112.1?p | -3.5 | 8.54 |
| Gth Equity | 164.2 | 169.5 | +4.7 | 3.86 |
| Inc Eq | 104.2 | 107.5 | +2.9 | 5.49 |
| Int Tst | 104.6 | 110.0 | +2.8 | 5.48 |
| Ind | 115.0 | 121.1 | +2.8 | 5.48 |
| Managed | 463.8 | 477.7 | +12.8 | |
| N Amer | 154.7 | 160.8 | +4.4 | |
| Pacific | 173.4 | 288.3 | +3.4 | 0.39 |
| Prop Shares | 227.4 | 240.5 | +7.0 | 4.19 |
| Smlr Cos | 229.5 | 241.1 | +4.4 | 4.71 |
| Euro Trust | 208.1 | 218.2 | +0.4 | 0.71 |

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Crusader House, 145-149 Cromwell Road, London SW7 4ER Tel: 071-370 5454 Dealing 0800 289336

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am Eq Inc | 27.5? | 29.1? | +1.0? | 3.95 |
| Am Spec Sits | 57.8x | 61.0? | +2.5? | 0.00 |
| ASEAN | 18.4x | 19.7? | +0.1? | 0.00 |
| Cash Unit | 100.0 | 0 | +0.1? | 14.01 |
| European | 66.6? | 70.5? | +1.1? | 0.00 |
| Euro Inc | 27.0? | 28.7?x | +0.1? | 3.43 |
| Far East Inc | 27.1? | 28.8? | +0.2? | 0.57 |
| Far East Inc | 35.6? | 38.6? | +0.5? | 3.40 |

DARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Dartmore House, 16-19 Blomfield St, London EC2M 7NA Tel: 071-588 1815
Dealings: 0277 284421 Services: 0800 289336

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| UK Growth Trusts | | | | |
| British Gth | 51.6? | 53.8?x | +0.7? | 2.95 |
| Capl | 118.4? | | +1.2? | 14.43 |
| Prest Inv Inc | 82.0? | 86.5? | +1.8? | 4.62 |
| Do Acc | 109.4 | 115.4? | +2.3? | 4.62 |
| UK Smlr Cos | 82.3? | 86.8? | +1.8? | 3.09 |
| Income Trusts | | | | |
| Extra Inc | 81.2? | 85.5? | +2.5? | 6.51 |
| Preference | 20.2? | 21.6? | +0.5? | 13.32 |
| High Inc | 30.7? | 32.6? | +0.6? | 5.76 |
| Income | 81.2? | 85.5? | +1.8? | 6.51 |
| Ins Fxd Int | 22.2? | 23.4? | +0.1? | 6.76 |
| Warrant/Geared Trusts | | | | |
| Gold Int | 66.2? | 69.9? | +3.1? | 5.03 |
| Euroinvestec | 16.1? | 20.3? | +0.1? | 2.75 |
| Pioneer Mkts | 29.7? | 31.8? | +0.7? | 0.50 |
| Glob Inc/Gth | 81.0? | 86.3? | +1.8? | 3.77 |
| UK/Ind | 75.8? | 84.4? | +3.2? | 3.54 |
| Overseas Trusts | | | | |
| American | 78.0? | 83.1? | +2.8? | 1.28 |
| Eurolnvest | 61.8? | 66.2xa | +0.5? | 1.19 |
| Euro Gth Opp | 83.1? | 88.2? | +1.3? | 0.40 |
| Far Eastern | 21.3? | 22.8? | +0.6? | 0.77 |
| Euro Income/Gth | 21.3? | 22.8? | +0.6? | 5.77 |
| Far Eastern | 17.0? | 18.1? | +0.5? | 0.22 |
| Income/Gth | 34.1? | 36.5? | +1.0? | 4.39 |
| Inc Trust | 30.1? | 32.0? | +0.7? | 4.58 |
| Japan | 45.9? | 48.8? | +1.2? | 0.00 |
| Mkt Dist* | 86.9? | 100.0? | +2.1? | 13.20 |
| N Am Equity | 25.4? | 27.1? | +0.6? | 0.04 |
| UK Equity | 85.7? | 89.9? | +2.7? | 4.49 |

DRAKE & MORTIMER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
Exchange House, 212-224 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8HQ Tel: 071-379 7878

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am & Gen Inc | 94.6? | 100.5? | +2.1? | 1.26 |
| Do Acc | 304.5 | 321.7p | +13.2 | 0.86 |
| Am Recov | 241.3 | 255.2p | +13.5 | 0.83 |
| Am Sm Co Acc | 272.2 | 288.9 | +18.4 | 0.00 |
| Do Inc | 261.3 | 277.4 | +17.7 | 0.00 |
| Australia Acc | 92.9 | 102.3p | +4.3 | 2.05 |
| Capl Acc | 522.9 | 553.0p | +15.5 | 5.10 |
| Do Inc | 484.2 | 512.3p | +14.4 | 5.10 |
| Compound Acc | 311.4 | 317.2p | +5.64 | 5.52 |
| Compound Gth | 610.3 | 645.4 | +24.4 | 4.51 |
| Dividend Inc | 28.5 | 30.1? | +0.5 | 6.35 |
| Do Acc | 1905 | 1935p | +9.5 | 6.35 |
| Equity Inc | 93.1 | 244.4p | +6.7 | 5.67 |
| Euro Gth | 48.4 | 49.1? | +0.3 | 0.57 |
| Euro Acc | 382.0 | 401.9 | +8.7 | 1.56 |
| Euro Inc | 320.6 | 338.0 | +8.7 | 1.56 |
| Euro Yield Inc | 92.6 | 97.5? | +2.2 | 5.51 |
| Gth Inc | 20.9 | 22.0? | +0.5 | 5.51 |
| High Yield | 90.2? | 95.4? | +3.2? | 6.51 |
| Int Trust | 114.3 | 122.2 | +2.2 | 4.13 |
| Japan | 146.9 | 157.1 | +4.2 | 1.48 |
| Jap Tech | 58.1? | 62.1? | +1.2? | 0.00 |
| Main Reserve | 46.0? | 48.1? | +2.5? | 2.19 |
| Security | 238.1 | 254.8p | +8.9 | 2.19 |
| Smlr Cos | 76.1? | 81.4? | +1.3 | 3.12 |
| Spec Sits | 119.2 | 127.4p | +4.1? | 0.00 |
| US Smlr Cos | 30.8? | 32.8? | +0.9? | 0.00 |

DRUMMOND FUND MANAGERS
3/4, Queen Street London EC4 8 1DR Tel: 071-236 6210

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grw/Gross | 169.7 | 178.3 | +5.2 | 2.33 |
| Inc Prop | 92.2? | 97.1? | +3.4? | 3.39 |
| Prop Shrs | 92.2? | 97.1? | +3.4? | 3.39 |
| Invest Trst | 93.8? | 98.4? | +0.7? | 0.65 |

KEY FUND MANAGERS
Key House, 40 High Street, Manchester M60 2AF Tel: 061 236 5682

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Equity/Gen | 95.0? | 99.5? | +2.3? | 4.32 |
| Gt Warrnst | 99.9? | 72.9xa | +0.5? | 0.00 |
| Higher Inc | 134.5 | 142.5 | +3.2? | 7.57 |
| Income | 93.4? | 98.2? | +2.2? | 5.16 |
| Int | 70.1? | 76.3?x | +1.5? | 2.76 |
| Smlr Cos | 49.3? | 52.7? | +3.1? | 3.92 |

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 521261

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Offsht Op Acc | 57.3? | 59.4? | +1.3? | 1.29 |
| Japan | 53.4? | 54.7? | +0.4? | 0.00 |
| UK Gilts Inc | 89.4? | 95.1? | +2.9? | 3.67 |
| Do Acc | 89.4? | 100.8 | +3.0? | 3.67 |
| UK Gth Accum | 142.9 | 152.0 | +4.4 | 2.56 |
| UK Hi Inc Acc | 142.9 | 152.0 | +4.4 | 2.56 |
| UK Hi Inc Acc | 112.7 | 119.9 | +4.0 | 6.00 |
| N Amer Acc | 67.5? | 71.3? | +3.3? | 1.27 |
| Euro Acc | 89.2? | 105.2 | +2.0? | 0.26 |
| Euro Gth/Pf Inc | 73.4? | 77.6? | +2.0? | 0.00 |
| Do Acc | 74.4? | 79.0? | +1.1? | 0.33 |
| Int Sp S Acc | 37.5? | 39.5? | +0.9? | 0.84 |
| Emerald Opp | 80.4? | 85.7? | +1.5? | 1.50 |

EDINBURGH FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hamilton Square, London EH8 9EU Tel: 071-623 7291

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Endowment | 139.2 | 141.6 | +3.3 | 2.54 |

SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Equity Pelican | 109.8 | 106.2 | +4.1? | 4.91 |
| High Inc | 109.0 | 111.5 | +3.8? | 6.59 |
| Gilt/Fixed Interest | 48.0? | 50.6? | +1.1? | 9.48 |
| 'C' Gt Inc Tst | 102.5 | 109.2x | +4.3? | 3.23 |
| Spec Sits | 83.4? | 98.3? | +4.0? | 4.83 |
| N Am | 64.2? | 67.9? | +1.8? | 1.39 |
| Far East | 167.2 | 182.5 | +4.4? | 1.48 |
| Int Gth | 71.8? | 75.6?x | +2.1? | 2.57 |
| Euro | 83.7? | 88.5x | +0.5? | 2.00 |
| Smlr Cos | 51.7? | 54.5? | +3.0? | 5.87 |

EQUITY & LAW
St. Georges Ho, Peascodden St, Coventry CV1 1RD Tel: 0203 552231

| | Bid | Offer | Weekly ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| UK Gth Accum | 241.3 | 258.8 | +7.5 | 3.67 |
| Do Inc | 184.3 | 198.1 | +5.8 | 3.67 |
| Higher Inc Acc | 162.8 | 168.2 | +3.8 | 5.89 |
| Do Inc | 269.7 | 308.2 | +9.1 | 5.65 |
| Gilts/Fxd Acc | 131.8 | 138.9p | +1.2 | 9.33 |
| Do Inc | 76.9? | 83.0?p | -0.5? | 9.33 |
| N America | 208.2 | 218.4 | +6.5 | 0.95 |
| Far East | 200.0 | 212.5p | +2.5 | 0.51 |
| Genrl | 240.1 | 267.9p | +10.7 | 3.97 |
| Spec Sits | 232.8 | 254.1x | +10.5 | 2.97 |
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# Stalled by high interest rates

**Company-car fleets represent more than half of all new car sales. Further interest rate cuts are needed to boost this ailing 'engine' of the British motor industry, Kevin Eason reports**

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, need look no further than Olympia, London, this week for signs of how hard the government's policy of high interest rates has hit Britain's biggest single manufacturing industry.

The "engine" of the British motor industry, company-car sales, is spluttering and coughing as it bears the strains of recession. The recent interest rates cuts have been welcomed by the industry, but at least another 1 per cent cut is needed quickly for sales to pick up.

Company fleets account for more than half of all new car sales: about 1.2 million cars in the boom year of 1989, when business paid an estimated £10 billion for vehicles.

But many managers who meet at the Fleet Show 91, which opens at Olympia in London today, will know they are being offered a tempting spread of new cars that they cannot afford. Company cheque books will not be opened until Mr Lamont lowers interest rates again and takes some pressure off business finances.

The effect of interest rates has been easily measurable in successive months as new car sales have tumbled, by 13 per cent last year and almost 21 per cent in January.

Car factories are on short time as manufacturers face falling sales, from the 1989 total market record of 2.3 million to about 1.6 million this year, the lowest for nine years.

Manufacturers, particularly those that have traditionally had big fleet orders, are being forced into a new round of discounting and improving already costly car specifications to attract buyers.

One fleet manager says he was offered new cars at 30 per cent discount. Such offers, he says, are now not unusual. This year, fleet managers are more eager to make savings than they are to buy new models. The dilemma facing boardrooms is that the company car is often no longer a perk but a necessity, particularly when unreliable rail services mean that executives cannot guarantee a punctual arrival by train.

**CAR CHOICE**

**Chairmen**

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| Jaguar | 33% (-4%) |
| Mercedes | 18% (+4%) |
| Ford | 15% (+12%) |

**Chief executives**

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| Jaguar | 40% (-2%) |
| BMW | 15% (+8%) |
| Ford | 8% (-3%) |
| Mercedes | 13% (+1%) |

**Senior managers**

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| Ford | 33% (-2%) |
| Rover | 14% (+1%) |
| Vauxhall | 16% (+2%) |
| BMW | 11% (+2%) |

**Area sales managers**

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|---|---|
| Ford | 37% (-15%) |
| Vauxhall | 24% (+3%) |
| Rover | 17% (+3%) |

**Sales representatives**

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| Ford | 38% (-8%) |
| Vauxhall | 28% (-1%) |
| Rover | 18% (+5%) |

*From Monks' 1991 Guide to Company Car Policy. Brackets show rise or fall on 1990 figures.*

The *Monks' 1991 Guide to Company Car Policy* found that the size of fleets grew by 7.4 per cent last year despite cutbacks. No wonder, given that 65 per cent of employees cover 10,000 business miles or more annually.

However, the Monks guide, one of the most authoritative analyses of company fleets, shows that cost savings are top of the agenda. Two-thirds of 200 companies surveyed were planning to review their financing and restrict choice of cars for employees. And of those making car policy changes, most measures were aimed specifically at cost-cutting.

Companies may have added a car or two, but they are determined to get more miles from fleets. The survey showed that cars bought for employees at all levels were being changed less often. Many cars were not exchanged until they had covered at least 50,000 miles or been used for three years or longer.

Restricting choice can affect costs. There has been a trend towards "user-chooser" lists, so that an employee can specify any model within a price limitation. That is ending. Monks found that 80 per cent of companies now provide eligible staff with model lists, compared with 68 per cent a year ago, which shows that accountants are now looking at monthly fuel, servicing and depreciation bills.

For some manufacturers, the effects have been felt in the showroom, where fleet buyers be as knowledgeable about how much it costs to keep a car running reliably and cheaply as they about how fast it can go.

How important those choices are to manufacturers that rely on fleet sales has been underlined by the Monks survey. It found, for example, a swing away from the managing director's traditional favourite, the Jaguar, and towards Fords.

Jaguar, which suffered a drop of sales of nearly a quarter in Britain last year and sells 90 per cent of its cars to fleets, showed a fall in popularity of 4 per cent among company chairmen and of 2 per cent among chief executives.

Ford, which markets its Granada range towards company directors, showed a gain in popularity of 12 per cent among chairmen.

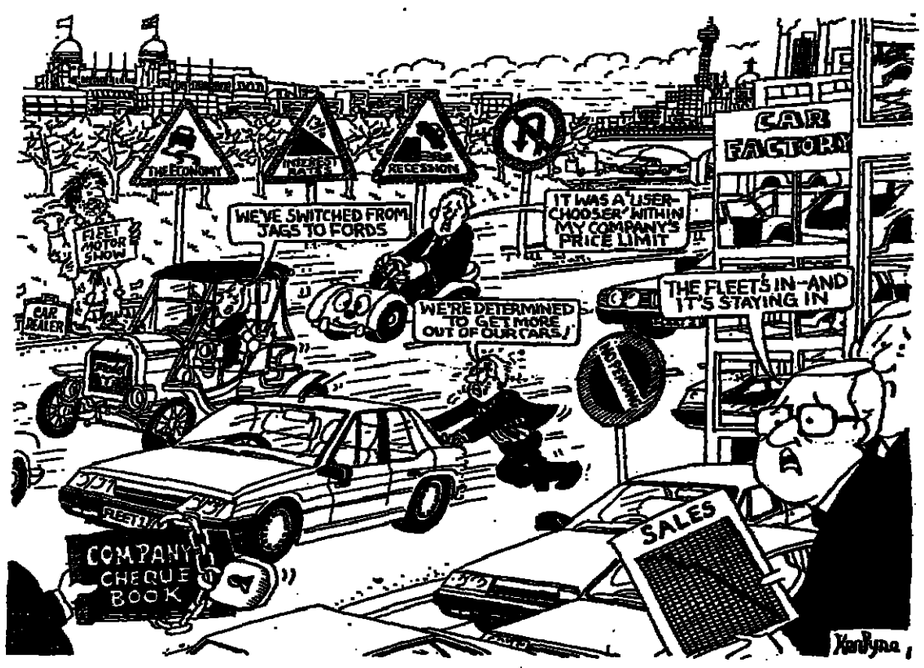
An analysis of running costs by Lease Plan UK, the fleet specialists, may give a clue to the reasons. Lease Plan calculated, based on a car covering 60,000 miles over two years, that a Jaguar XJ6 4-litre would cost £1,183 a month to run. The Ford Granada 2.9i Ghia X, which offers luxury and performance, would cost £855. The Granada may not have the kudos of a Jaguar among fellow chairmen but the savings may please cost-conscious shareholders.

How much Jaguar has been affected by this setback is reflected in announcements that 1,000 jobs are being cut from the Coventry workforce and that assembly lines are on short time.

Reductions are also on the way at Ford, Rover and Peugeot Talbot in the biggest round of cutbacks in the industry since the early Eighties. That guarantees that the debate at the exhibition stands and in the bars of Olympia will not be camshafts, air conditioning or turbo-chargers but simply the question: when will interest rates be cut?

Only Mr Lamont knows the answer, but if he needs any guidance, hundreds of fleet managers and car dealers are ready to encourage him to release the chains from company finances to boost the flagging fleet industry.

● *Fleet Show 91, Olympia, London, today, and Wednesday 10am to 6pm, Thursday 10am to 4pm, entry free.*




# Fringe benefit that helps perk up pay

**Almost 60 per cent of all new car registrations are from companies**

THE company car has become so familiar that it is easy to forget how recent a phenomenon it is. Less than 20 years ago, big companies still supplied chauffeur-driven limousines to directors and, if their operations required it, would maintain a small fleet of vehicles for the use of sales representatives who spent much of their time on the road.

But the rest of us bought our own cars. If we sometimes used them on behalf of our employers we could claim the cost of petrol and other travelling expenses. The idea that a car might come with the job as a "perk" would have astonished us.

What brought about the change was the period of compulsory pay restraint under the Labour governments of the Seventies. Employers, unable to retain valued staff by offering them large salary increases, came up with the solution: make top employees an offer they could not refuse, a brand new car for free. In no time it seemed that almost every job advertised included a car among the fringe benefits. But the Inland Revenue did not care for the idea.

*There are about 1.9 million company-owned cars in use*

Since then chancellors have tried to plug the loophole. At present the use of a company car is deemed to add £2,200 to a person's taxable income; the tax liability is reduced if you can show him that you travel more than 18,000 miles a year on company business, and correspondingly increased if business travel amounts to fewer than 2,500 miles.

There is also something called a fuel assessment, under which you are liable for tax on the proportion of the petrol assumed to have been purchased for private travel. Even with these changes, the Automobile Association calculates that, in return for the use of a car with all repairs and other expenses paid, a motorist pays, on average, only an extra £700 tax.

There are, the AA calculates, at present about 1.9 million company-owned cars in use by employees and a further 2.1 million owned and used by self-employed people for business purposes.

There could come a point where, because of the government's taxation policies, the company car is no longer seen as a benefit, it says. Also, because company cars tend to be newer models, there are environmental advantages in not taxing them too highly.

The AA's views are in line with the findings of the latest survey by Lex Vehicle Leasing. Following the 25 per cent increase in company car tax in the last Budget, 11 per cent of those questioned said they were less interested in having a company car and 10 per cent had asked for a pay increase to cover the extra cost.

The survey indicates that between 55 and 60 per cent of all new car registrations are financed by a company, or bought as a business expense. Two out of five of those questioned said they would require a salary increase of between £2,500 and £5,000 if they did not have a company car, and the average increase in lieu of a company car was shown to be £4,300. Thirty six per cent said they would buy and use a similar car, 29 per cent would buy a cheaper one and 8 per cent would buy a better one. Five per cent would walk more, the same proportion would use public transport, while 3 per cent would switch to a bicycle or motorcycle.

The most important advantage of having a company car was that it cost them little or nothing to run. Twenty five per cent mentioned regular free servicing, 22 per cent free insurance and 12 per cent the fact that problems were sorted out by someone else. Thirteen per cent attached most importance to being given a new car, and 11 per cent to the fact that it was replaced regularly.

Nine per cent mentioned that it left their own car free for the use of their families. Only 5 per cent saw it as a status symbol.

JOHN YOUNG

| | Provided by employer | Business expense | All company cars |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Type of car bought (%)** | | | |
| New | 88 | 52 | 77 |
| Nearly new | 7 | 16 | 10 |
| Used | 5 | 32 | 13 |
| **Size of car (%)** | | | |
| Less than 1400cc | 21 | 28 | 22 |
| 1400-2000cc | 64 | 50 | 59 |
| More than 2000cc | 15 | 27 | 19 |
| **Choice of company car (%)** | | | |
| Driver's choice | 37 | 81 | 53 |
| No. of alternatives | 30 | 5 | 21 |
| Chosen for driver | 33 | 14 | 26 |

*Source: Lex Report on Motoring 1990*



Discriminating motorist: will Mr Lamont ease taxes?

# Chancellor taxes patience

**The industry is looking for concessions in the Budget. Jonathan Prynn reports**

In two weeks, Britain's vehicle leasing industry will know whether its traditional annual pleading to 11 Downing Street has again fallen on deaf ears. The historical omens are not good. The government has repeatedly ignored the missives of the trade associations representing the industry.

The issue at stake is the tax treatment of lease financing of "luxury" cars, a category still defined by the £8,000 price limit set in 1979. The problem is that car lease rental payments are only fully deductible if the vehicle costs less than £8,000. Above that level the proportion of the rentals that can be set against tax steadily diminishes, so that, for example, only 70 per cent of the rental on a £20,000 car is allowable.

In a recent joint letter to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the three trade associations representing the vehicle leasing and contract hire industry argued that this "continuing tax discrimination" distorts competition in motor finance and should be removed to help the "ailing UK car industry". As the average cost of a new car used for business is now more than £8,000, the tax limit has had a substantial and annually increasing impact on car fleet financing options.

Even so, the leasing option has grown steadily in popularity as a method of financing company fleets. About half of all company cars are thought to be financed through a leasing arrangement.

In 1989, the value of new car leasing business written by members of the Equipment Leasing Association grew to a record £2 billion, a 15 per cent increase on 1988. A further £2.1 billion of car business with an option to purchase was written in 1989, making cars the single largest category of asset financed by the leasing industry.

*'This tax injustice distorts competition in motor finance'*

The attractions of leasing are clear. Financing a car fleet through a straightforward purchase is a big capital commitment on what are non-profit-earning assets.

The regular nature of the payments under a leasing agreement allows for more accurate budgeting and, because the ownership of the cars remains with the lessor, the risks associated with depreciation on ageing cars are removed. In a competitive market, the discounts derived from the purchasing power of a large car-fleet leasing company should also be passed on to the lessee.

There are other advantages from leasing over an outright purchase financed with debt. Because, in a leasing agreement, the lessor retains ownership of the asset (in this case, cars), it has a better security over those assets than a lender such as a bank. The lessor is therefore able to offer more competitive financing rates.

Companies that decide to lease have usually chosen straightforward finance lease agreements. This spreads the cost of the vehicle over its expected working life, and the lessee participates in a substantial proportion of the sale proceeds at the end of the agreement. However, finance leases do not include any maintenance or administration contracts.

Until 1987 a further advantage of finance leases was that they could be financed off balance sheet. With the introduction of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (SSAP) 21, this advantage was removed, leading to the rise of the now fastest-growing car fleet financing sector, contract hire. The primary advantage of contract hire, and its more recent incarnation, contract purchase, is that it provides a full maintenance package combined with the accounting benefits of an operating lease, which can still be treated off balance sheet.

The contract purchase scheme combines the tax advantages of outright purchase with the accounting, administration and budgeting benefits of contract hire.

Under contract purchase, the cost of the contract is split into two components: one for the finance facility and one for the maintenance and other services. Because this is a purchase agreement rather than a lease agreement, ownership transfers to the customer, allowing it to reap the tax benefits of purchase on the finance element of the contract. Lex Vehicle Leasing estimates that, on average, every breakdown of a fleet car takes up to five hours of a fleet manager's time. Time savings are particularly valuable for small companies. John Bradley, the managing director of Union Discount Finance & Leasing, says: "A small fleet of a dozen vehicles does not merit dedicated staff to administer the fleet, yet someone has to negotiate purchase discounts, make the maintenance payments and take care of disposal."

The growth of the contract hire market has been so rapid that a number of smaller companies have sprung up, offering rates that substantially undercut the established opposition. However, many are now suffering from the downturn.

The terms of the agreements usually include options allowing the purchaser to sell the cars back to the contract hire company at a guaranteed price at the end of the contract. Exercising the option has the effect of transferring the residual risk back to the contract hire company, fulfilling the requirements of SSAP 21 and allowing off balance sheet treatment of the contract.

However, companies may be caught out, as Ian Smith, of Hambros Bank, explains. "Problems arise where the client claims the capital allowance but has no intention of owning the vehicle. It then becomes a test ownership."




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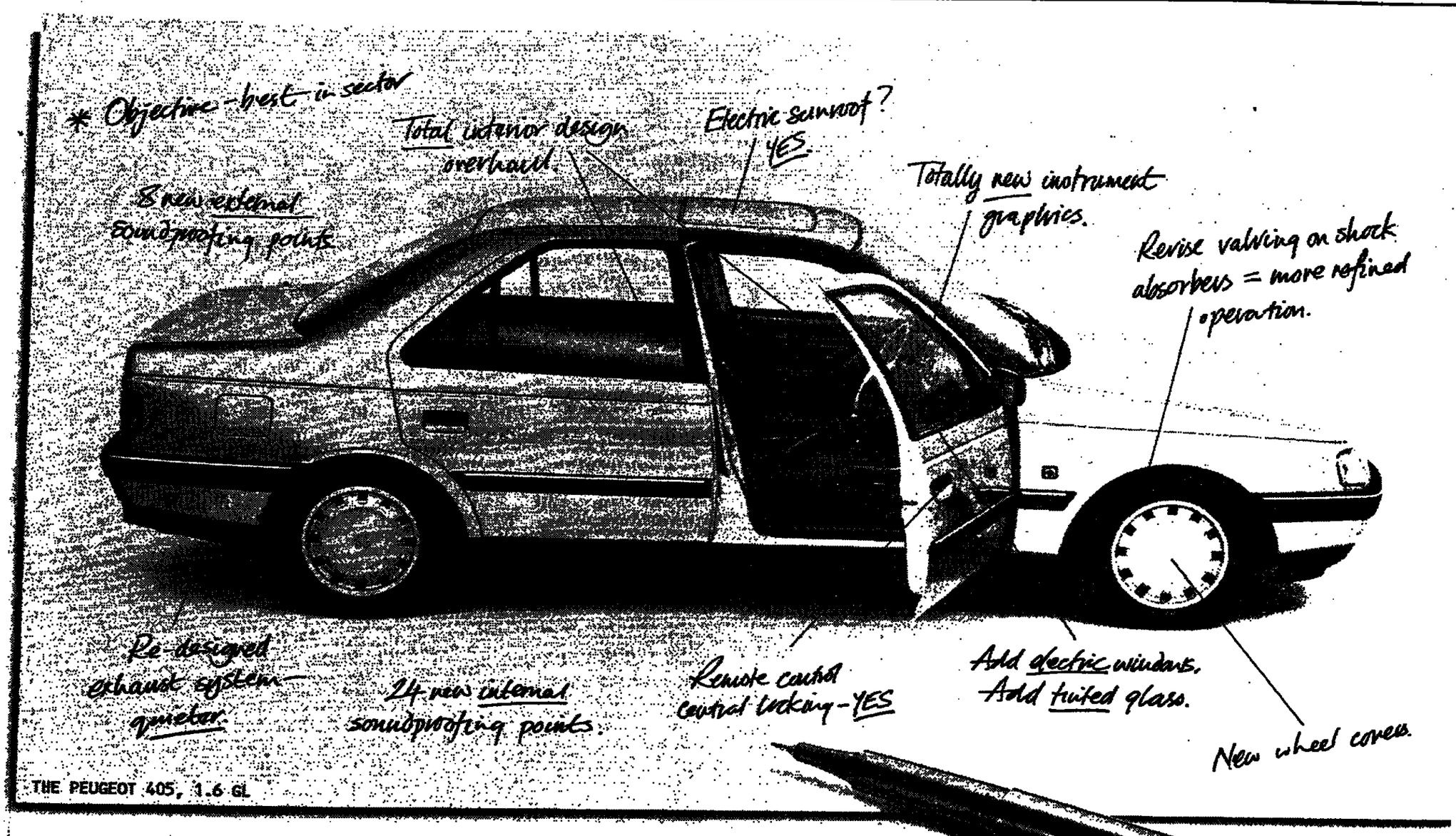
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# Like all enthusiasts, Peugeot's design chief likes to spend his weekends tinkering with his car.

The Peugeot in the picture is now one of the best specified cars in its class.

This may come as a pleasant surprise if you're considering buying one, but it comes as no surprise at all when you get to know Peugeot's Design Department.

As well as being car experts, they're driving enthusiasts. They don't design Euroboxes that simply get you from A to B, they wouldn't know how.

Their brief is to design drivers' cars. Cars with character, and a quality of handling and all-round driveability you'd normally associate with exclusive sports marques.

They're just as uncompromising when it comes to the spec. they demand for their cars. 'As good as' isn't good enough.

Our designers monitor all the latest advances in materials and technology, then subject them to rigorous tests before coming up with ideas for their application.

Ideas aren't restricted to office hours, so it's a seven-day-a-week job. A nine-to-five attitude to car design wouldn't produce a Peugeot.

This commitment has resulted in a 1991 405 GL 1.6 with not only electric front windows, electric sunroof and remote control central locking, but also a driver's seat lumbar support adjustment, tinted glass and new wheel covers.

The car's interior design has been totally overhauled, with new colour schemes, a new steering wheel and instrument graphics, as well as a modified fascia.

But the designers didn't stop there. They've been under the car, and have come up with a quieter exhaust system, and new valves on the shock absorbers to give a more refined operation.

To reduce noise transference to the passenger compartment they have also treated 8 areas around the car with the most up-to-date sound-proofing materials, producing remarkable results. Though not remarkable enough for a Peugeot designer, apparently, because they went on to treat 24 areas inside the passenger compartment itself.

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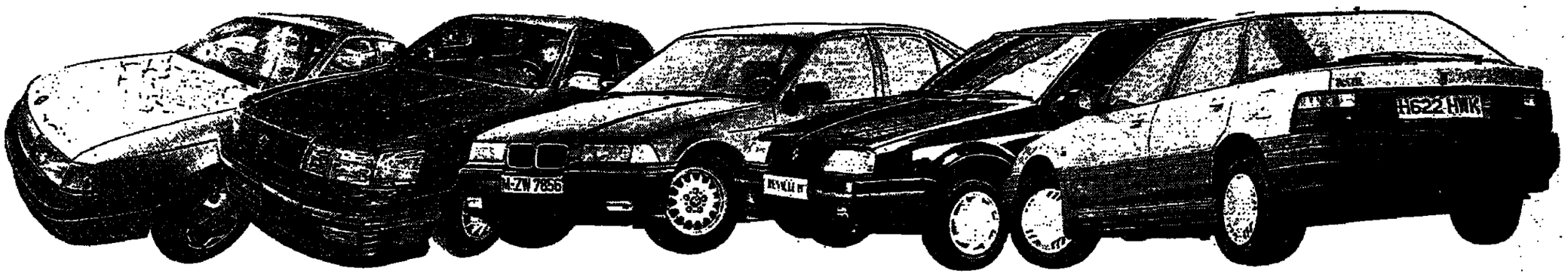
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Battling for pole position: (from left) the Vauxhall Cavalier CD, Toyota Lexus, BMW 3-series, Renault 19 GTS-X and Rover 218 SLD Turbo underline the immense competition within the British fleet sector and its importance

# New models race to keep ahead of the field



Sliding share: Derek Barron, Ford of Britain's chairman

**Manufacturers have to satisfy buyers who look for vehicles which are reliable and easy to maintain, while offering a little bit extra when it comes to value for money. Kevin Eason reports**

Derek Barron, Ford of Britain's chairman, will have a lot of worrying to do this year. His company, the market leader in the UK and a huge profit centre for the worldwide Ford empire, has taken a pasting in the showrooms lately.

From dominating the market, particularly in fleet cars, Ford has seen its share weaken and its traditional top place in the league table of most popular company cars snatched away by a rival.

There was little surprise that incentives could no longer hold the position of the eight-year-old Sierra as the "sales rep's favourite" over the newer and much-praised Vauxhall Cavalier, which is rated as the top fleet car and the overall best seller in January.

However, more was expected of the Ford Escort. Relaunched last September in revised form after eight years as Britain's best-selling car, the new model Escort was eagerly awaited. But in spite of a £1 billion development programme, most observers wondered where the money had been spent. The shape was largely unchanged, the engines the same and there were few new features to separate the vehicle from its older rivals.

The result is that the Escort has been struggling to make headway and was only fifth in the January ratings. Big fleet companies have noticed a decline in fortunes for the model, built at Halewood, on Merseyside. Lex Vehicle Leasing, which operates 50,000 company cars, says the Escort was down from fifth to sixth in its list of fleet car orders last year. But Lex also noted that Ford has slipped overall with the Sierra, Granada and Orion all down, too.

Ford knows it faces a battle to hold on to its premier position, for Lex's check underlines the immense competition there is within the fleet sector. No longer is the buyer restricted to the Escort simply because it is built in large numbers and carries a reputation for reliability. Reliability is now expected from all cars on the road, as well as a long warranty, attractive appearance and a list of luxurious specifications.

| TOP TEN | |
|---|---|
| 1 Vauxhall Cavalier | 101,074 |
| 2 Ford Sierra | 85,710 |
| 3 Vauxhall Astra | 56,869 |
| 4 Ford Escort | 55,930 |
| 5 Ford Fiesta | 41,757 |
| 6 Rover 200 series | 31,546 |
| 7 Ford Granada | 25,188 |
| 8 Rover Montego | 23,359 |
| 9 Rover Metro | 22,192 |
| 10 Ford Orion | 20,533 |

*Fleet car sales for 1990*

The Cavalier has cemented its place as the most attractive fleet car because of its good looks, reliability and, I would contend, a commitment to security, with better locks and coded radios which convinced fleet managers they can cut their insurance losses.

The Rover 200 and 400 series is gaining ground. Its main constraint has been that the company's Longbridge plant in Birmingham could not make enough. And the Vauxhall Astra, though relatively long in the tooth and due for replacement late this year, is also as popular as ever.

The Fleet Show will also feature an important début: the new BMW 3-series, a model which found a niche in the hearts of Britain's up-and-coming executives of the Eighties. The Germans promise bigger cars with engines from 1.6-litres through to a 2.5-litre six-cylinder.

Adding spice to the competition is the fact that fleets, which had been dedicated to buying British, have opened their doors to continental and Japanese marques.

The *Monks 1991 Guide to Company Car Policy* found that 45 per cent of companies allow Japanese cars in their fleets. The argument is that some models, of course, are British, like Nissan's Primera.

The Primera is built at the company's £650 million factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear. Unfortunately, after winning a crop of awards abroad, the model has barely surfaced in the UK because of the argument between Nissan Motor Manufacturing, the Japanese-owned business, and Nissan UK, its independent British distributor.

The Primera has all the attributes to make it a desirable fleet car: quick, economical, comfortable and promising Nissan's usual record for reliability. But it is very much a forerunner for other Japanese cars in the fleet market. Toyota and Honda, both investing heavily in Britain, are also trying to catch the eyes of fleet buyers.

Even in the executive sector, usually dominated by Jaguar, Ford, Vauxhall and Rover, there are Japanese rivals which have the style, class and performance to seduce any executive buyer.

The 4-litre V8 Lexus, from Toyota, at £36,000, is all power and luxury, with the best of Japanese high technology, even down to a hi-fi system, including compact disc player, specially designed for the best sound quality.

Toyota engineers who designed the Lexus admit they took apart and studied the famous Jaguar XJ6, a Mercedes and a BMW 7-series to discover what makes the finest qualities of a luxury car.

The Japanese have followed up with another triumph in the luxury market – the Sigma, from Mitsubishi, which was voted Japan's Car of the Year for 1990.

British drivers could be baffled by the array of initials which denote the Sigma's place as one of the most advanced cars on the road. The Sigma has something named Dynamic Two, which comprises 4IS, ECS, 4WS, 4WD and TCL controlled, of course, by ECU. It seems hardly worth mentioning the ABS braking, which is also standard on the car.

To sum up the initials, the Sigma has an advanced traction control and suspension system which monitors all aspects of the car's chassis performance thorough an electronic control unit with traction control (TCL) sensing which wheels have best grip.

Incorporated into that is trace control, which automatically feels the car's pitch and roll into corners and will adjust speed accordingly. Hit a bend too fast and the car will compensate by reducing speed and straightening up the chassis.

At two prices of £24,789 (cloth trim) and £25,859 (leather trim), fleet managers will be taken aback by the simple value for money package of the Sigma.

Having to find value for money could mean a substantial boost for diesel after years of being shunned by fleets. Diesels have come a long way. They are cleaner, quieter, offer performance as good as most petrol-driven saloons and offer fuel savings of up to 25 per cent.

Citroën and Peugeot, the biggest suppliers of diesels, are conscious that fleet buyers want the same comfortable fittings as petrol models, and companies such as Rover will want to prove that their executive diesels are not lacking such comforts.

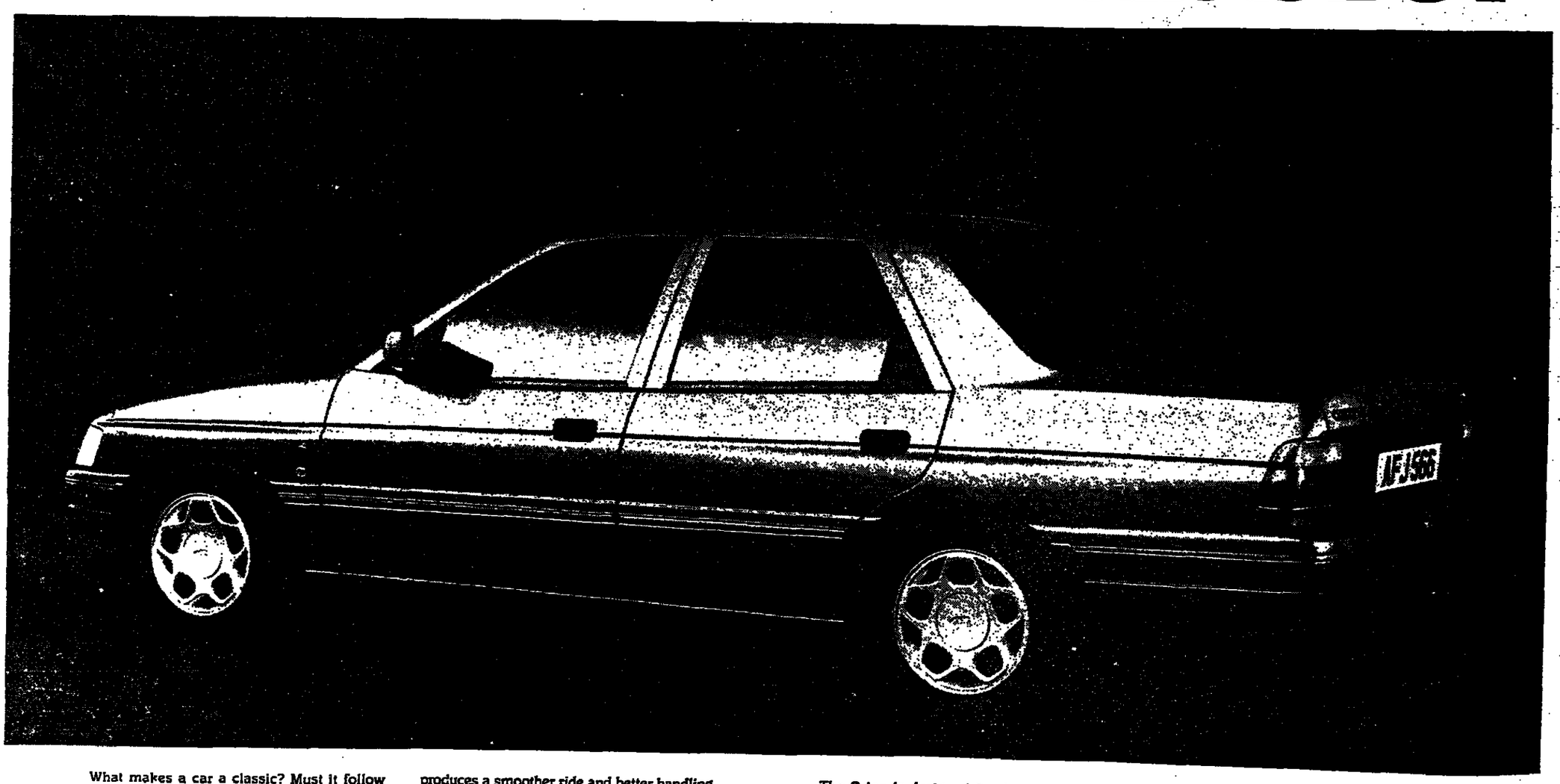
The Fleet Show 91 has a wide display of diesel cars and all are worth checking, from the super economical Citroën AX range, with claimed 75 miles to the gallon, through to Rover's new 200/400 diesel range.

For fleet managers to whom the retail price is all-important, there are alternatives. Proton was unknown in Britain two years ago. Now there are 18,000 of the Malaysian-built cars in the UK and one of its range was voted best value hatchback under £10,000 from 254 rivals by *What Car?* magazine.

Doubters may be dubious about taking on cars which are in the showrooms at prices between only £6,700 and £9,000, but Proton says its two-year or 50,000-mile warranty, six-year anti-corrosion guarantee and six-year powertrain (engine and gearbox) warranty are aimed at peace of mind for the fleet user.

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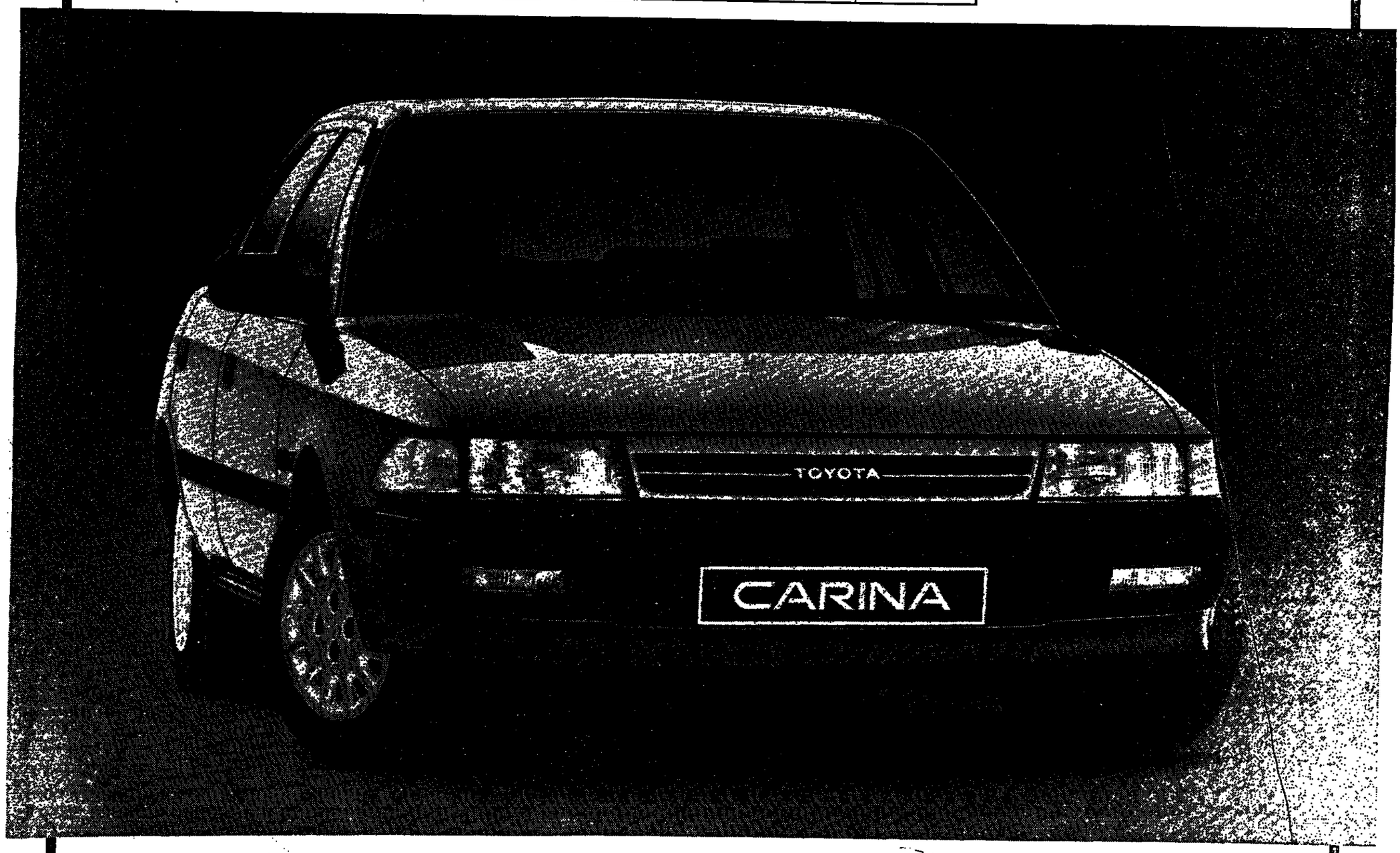
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# The future is a phone in every car

**Executives will soon have a mobile office. Matthew May looks at the equipment that will accompany tomorrow's business leader**

Exceed the motorway speed limit in a couple of years and your car phone may go dead. This will be the result of a technical limitation of a new breed of mobile telephones likely to provide cheaper and better communications for people on the move.

The system, called a personal communications network, is being pioneered in Britain by three operators that have been given government licences. Mercury Personal Communications says its network will open before the end of next year in the London area. The other operators, Microtel and Unitel, are expected to follow soon afterwards, though the cost of establishing such networks has led to speculation that they may merge.

These and other planned technological advances mean that by the middle of the decade car phones are expected to become the norm for those who use their company cars for work. Lower prices and better service are predicted to lead to more than ten million people being connected to a mobile network by the end of the decade.

However, there has been a sharp decline in the rate of expansion for the two cellular phone networks, Cellnet and Vodafone. At least one in ten car phones is being handed back, although some estimates put the figure at one in five, and the average number of calls per customer has dropped by 10 per cent.

Cellnet and Vodafone do not sell to their customers directly, but to service providers. Towards the end of last year two providers went into receivership. The networks themselves are under criticism for high charges and the quality of service. Several providers suffered as car phones became available for almost nothing. A large minority of those attracted by special offers, however, did not realise the high costs of using their "free" car phone – £25 a month subscription and peak-time calls at 25p a minute and 33p within the M25 – and bad debts rose sharply. This has made fleet operators even more sought-after by service providers in the hope of big orders and reduced debts. Discounts are available for bulk buying.

Two out of three mobile phones are in cars. Companies using them pay bills of several hundred pounds every quarter for every employee. Even a modest user making only 15 minutes' worth of day-time calls every weekday pays £100 a month.

*Personal networks will also operate with smaller radio cells than present systems, which will lead to cheaper telephones*

Companies with a fleet of car phones can pay for a direct link from their switchboard to the nearest radio cell. The link can make a company car phone operate in the same way as an internal extension and can reduce peak-time charges to 16p a minute. A cheaper alternative is Band III radio, which is using the frequencies that formerly transmitted the old 405-line television pictures. Where access to the telephone network is not required, this mobile radio system is useful for drivers who need to be in touch just with head office. National or regional coverage can be chosen for a fixed monthly sum.

Despite the present problems, mobile phones have been a huge success with more than a million people in Britain. Apart from the Scandinavian countries, British use is well ahead of that other European countries and the call charges are cheaper than everywhere else in Europe, except Spain and Denmark.

The industry believes a mobile phone will become standard equipment in a company car and that many cars will become mobile offices with fax machines and laptop computers connecting with other computers anywhere in the world via a car modem.

As an example of what could be on sale in a few years, Ford recently produced two "executive Scorpios" to display at European motor shows. Each contains two telephones, a fax machine, a laptop computer, a printer and a photocopier. Ford has added custom-made cabinets, a fold-down table, rear-window sun blinds and more reading lights. Some manufacturers are thinking of such equipment as optional extras for more expensive models.

Although the office in a car is now possible, the systems available can be awkward to use. Complex error correction routines are required; for example, to cope with short breaks or poor line quality in transmission that can corrupt transmitted data. A full set of office equipment can also be expensive, typically adding £4,000 to the cost of the car.

Using digital technology for clearer calls on the new networks should encourage the mobile office. Personal communications networks will also operate with many more and smaller radio cells than existing systems, leading to less powerful, smaller and cheaper phones. However, above about 80mph there are likely to be problems in switching calls between the cells.

Cellnet and Vodaphone are planning digital networks. A test service is due to start by the end of the year. These networks will not work with existing mobile phones so a large network will have to be established before customers are attracted.

With an eye on the single European market both systems will conform to a pan-European standard, Groupe Spéciale Mobile. In the years to come a subscriber to one national system will be able to make calls all over Europe.



Business on the move: Ford's fully functioning office in a Scorpio



JAMES GRAY

Office in town: the special Scorpio has two telephones, a fax, laptop computer, printer and photocopier

## Squeeze boosts business

Some fleet management companies are putting on a brave face against the cold wind of recession. The FMM Group, which was launched in 1974 when industry was struggling to contain costs in the wake of sharp rises in the oil price, believes it can profit from recession.

Dominic Suddaby, the general manager of FMM UK, says: "The increased awareness of costs causes businesses to turn to us because we can help them make savings." Proof of his claim is easy to find. During four weeks to mid-February, FMM acquired five new corporate customers and two from the local authority sector.

Geoff Cobley, the managing director of Fleet Management Services, says falling residual values of cars and increasing repair costs are the prime motives for companies to seek outside expertise in the management of their fleets. Mr Cobley calculates that residual values of used cars have fallen by 7 per cent in real terms during the past five years. "This means that during 1990 fleet managers have been losing £700 on every £10,000 car they sell," he says.

The cost of running fleets has also risen sharply. Mr Cobley says that managers report a rise in 1990 running costs of up to 20 per cent. Fleet Management Services says it has kept increases on maintenance of the vehicles it supervises within 9.8 per cent.

*Abuses by users may become a thing of the past as computer systems lead to better control of costs*

Use of company cars as a status symbol within companies, and to impress customers and suppliers, has inevitably lead to inefficient use of cars by companies. Typically, cars have been renewed on a three-year cycle, irrespective of mileage or condition. Yet, as Mr Suddaby points out, modern cars are of better quality than they were five years ago. Many cars will now provide reliable service for up to five years, or 70,000 miles, before maintenance costs begin to make them uneconomic, he says.

As fleet management companies have increased the number of customers, so has the fleets' buying power increased. Mr Suddaby argues that with more than 50,000 vehicles under his management, he can obtain better rates on new vehicles, tyres, insurance and other costs than managers of individual fleets, even those with several hundred vehicles.

Computer systems also enable fleet managers to monitor and control costs and to stamp out abuses by car users. A garage carrying out maintenance or repairs on a car under fleet management will have to telephone the vehicle's supervisor for authorisation before work can start.

Examining a computerised record of the vehicle's maintenance history enables the supervisor to ensure that no unnecessary work is carried out. He or she also has access to the manufacturer's list of part prices and detailed service schedules, which enable him to query any exceptional bills for materials or labour.

Computerised information on running costs enables a fleet management company to offer reliable advice to companies on the most cost-effective selection of vehicles. A management company will also take responsibility for selling vehicles at the end of their company service. Some will underwrite the disposal price at the time of purchase.

ROSS TIEMAN
*Industrial Correspondent*

**On-the-move entertainment adapts new sound and traffic-report systems**

## And now, for the top ten traffic jams

If you need ICE, forget FM and AM, your car needs CD at least, with RDS, EON and dashboard requirements. This is the world of in-car entertainment (ICE), where acronyms abound.

Like their bigger brothers in the nation's living-room stereo systems, car-borne entertainment systems are becoming more sophisticated. The compact disc (CD), an innovation three years ago, is now standard in some cars, such as the Toyota Lexus.

However, the emphasis of ICE is shifting from a piece of electronic hardware that supplies only music. Today's developments aim to make driving safer, quicker and more economical of time and energy.

Over the past year, radio data systems (RDS) have been gaining ground, and the car-maker Ford is among the innovators. Steve Woolmington, of Ford, says: "Once the button has been selected, the RDS system will automatically interrupt whatever you are listening to with traffic bulletins. If you have the volume down, the RDS system will boost it to ensure you hear the traffic bulletin. When that ends, the radio reverts to what you were listening to before."

The RDS relies on special pulses broadcast before and after the traffic bulletin to alert the receiver to switch to the bulletin, then back to what the motorist had been hearing. An advance on RDS is extended other networks (EON). Andrew Burslem, of the electronics company Philips, says the present RDS prices will fall to £220 by the end of the year. EON will, he believes, enter the market by the end of the year. Mr Burslem adds: "As traffic bulletins are broadcast, EON also over-rides whatever you are listening to." Unlike RDS, EON gives only local traffic bulletins.



Route-finder: Traffic Master, tested by Cecil Parkinson

For the ultimate in instant traffic advice, Traffic Master may be the answer. Every motorist has suffered the annoyance of sailing into jams that the radio station has not yet caught up with, or of making long detours to avoid delays only to find out later they had already been cleared.

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The high cost of car park spaces in inner-city areas makes companies increasingly aware of the problem of unauthorised parkers. A space used illegally wastes time and money, but a company has to weigh up the cost of policing its car park against the costs of unauthorised users.

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One way to deter both illegal parkers and thieves is the wheel clamp.

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The insurance industry, facing record losses from car crime, is to double the number of insurance group ratings and penalise owners with a bad break-in record, which will affect the buyer appeal of some models. Car crime rose by 23 per cent last year and is likely to cost the insurance industry £400 million in claims. More than eight in ten car crimes are opportunist, so there will be increased pressure on drivers to deter the amateur vandal and joyrider.

Some manufacturers, including Ford and Vauxhall, now fit better door locks, but many still penny-pinch, because like safety, security has never been a strong seller.

A visible mechanism, such as a steering-wheel clamp, will discourage the opportunist from trying to break into a car. The Stop Lockclamps the wheel. An invisible deterrent is the ADD Immobiliser, which can hinder vandals long enough to make them try their luck elsewhere. Connected to the existing wiring system, it acts like an extra ignition key and fits into a specially installed socket. The eight-point key intercepts vital circuits in the wiring system and relies on the complications that would be involved in by-passing it to impede thieves.

An alternative is the Gamma Invisibeam security system, which uses a synthesised voice to warn off any intending thieves.

Statistics show two out of three drivers will have their cars vandalised or stolen in the next decade. The RAC has demanded that more should be done to improve vehicle security. Tests show that even the latest models can be broken into in three seconds.

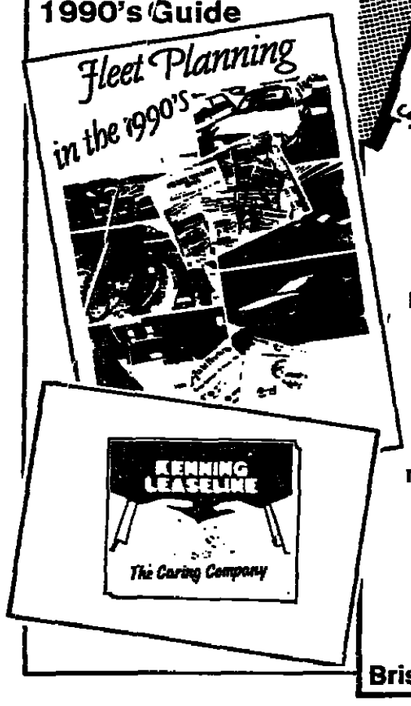
Richard Hill, the managing director of the Insurance Service, says a lot of crimes can be avoided if precautions are taken. He says drivers should avoid parking in high-risk areas, remove valuables from view and fit a removable radio-cassette.

The one car that could beat the thieves has a price tag puts it beyond the reach of most drivers. RAC security experts have been given the all-clear to smash the windows of Toyota's top-of-the-range Lexus in emergencies because they say it is impossible to break into. Their efforts to pick the £34,250 car's radio-controlled central locking system failed, although they used the latest hi-tech equipment.

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# Bank check needs more time

LEGAL BRIEF

**A code of practice has been proposed for the banks to explain the terms of their contracts with customers. But more discussion is needed before the code is finalised. Derek Wheatley, QC, puts the case for an extension**




To many people, the bank manager is an awe-inspiring figure. Not every bank encourages customers to seek an interview to find out the exact terms of their contract with the bank, or the rights and obligations on each side. Nor are many customers inclined to ask.

Now this is to be put right. A full review of banking law and services has been followed by a White Paper, "Banking Services: Law and Practice". Both recommended that the remedy should be a code of practice to be drafted by the banks and building societies.

A draft code was issued before Christmas by the British Bankers Association and the Building Societies Association. A steering committee from the banks supervised the work. The committee consisted of past and present bankers, a member of the Banking Ombudsman Council and a financial journalist – but no lawyers. Comments were invited and the two bodies will now be considering whether and how to revise it.

Some countries have codes governing the relationship between banker and customer, which have legal effect, like the American commercial code. Britain does not. But the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 was a codifying Act and is still the main and satisfactory source of the law of negotiable instruments.

Otherwise, banking law is the common law, in this case based firmly on the customs of the banks themselves, confirmed or varied by the decisions of the judges, if a banking point comes before them. So the bankers have always had a hand in making their own law, subject to basic legal principles. Most agree that so far it has worked well. But there has always been the criticism that the system favoured bankers because they knew the law while their customers might not.

The White Paper says: "The government thinks it is desirable that a code should specify that customers will be given information . . . about the terms of their contract with the banker and the rights and obligations that apply on both sides."

A code was the right choice because the alternative of a statute is too rigid. New technology, in particular in relation to payments systems, is fast-changing and requires a flexible legal framework.

Most banks have no single written contract that covers the range of their services to customers and is binding on both. The draft code is careful to say that it "is not intended to have contractual effect".

The code should therefore be as comprehensive and uncontroversial as possible. Yet the time allowed for comment ran only to March 1. The draft code says: "Banks may pass personal information about their customers to . . . members of their group so that customers can be informed of . . . services which may meet their needs" and ". . . banks may pass information to credit reference agencies about debts of customers who are in default" (what is known as "black information"). Some may be pleased to receive literature promoting the services of their bank's subsidiaries.

Preventing bad debtors from getting further in debt may be thoroughly desirable. But how does it square with the banker's duty of confidentiality? The code helpfully explains the better-known exceptions to the case of *Tournier v National Provincial & Union Bank (1924)*, which provides a general duty on a bank to keep its customer's affairs confidential. But it gives no hint of any exception that might cover the passing of information to other companies in the group.

The suggestion that passing information to a credit reference agency can be justified under *Tournier* is bound to raise legal eyebrows.

The law has always been clear that any penalty clause in a contract is invalid. The code says, however, that in the case of an unauthorised overdraft, ". . . banks may charge a 'penalty' rate of interest and make other charges". Of course, a bank could make a proper charge for the work entailed, *but it is unfortunate to* call it a penalty if a deterrent rate of interest is not intended, and if it is not, why call it a penalty at all?

The code sets out a number of helpful requirements for banks. It suggests a limit on the liability of customers in the event of unauthorised withdrawals from their accounts by means of a lost but unreported cash card. This is in line with the statutory limit of liability for the misuse of a lost credit card.

Customers may, however, be liable for all losses ". . . if they have acted . . . negligently". Surely, when a card is lost, the customer is usually guilty of some negligence? The statutory credit card limit has no such proviso; negligence is difficult to define and will lead to dissatisfaction.

Controversial proposals of this kind need legal comment and public discussion. The time allowed for it has been too short.

● *The author is a member of the Joint Bar Council/Law Society working party on banking law.*

## Law Report March 5 1991 Privy Council

# All matters alleged against medical practitioners should be heard together

**Reza v General Medical Council**

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Lowry

[Judgment March 4]

In proceedings before the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council all matters alleged against a medical practitioner should be heard and considered together. Separate charges were suitable where two distinct types of misconduct were alleged and where the determination that one type of misconduct was established could not reasonably aggravate the seriousness of the other misconduct.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by Dr Mohammed Ali Reza against the determination of the professional conduct committee of the GMC on March 12, 1990 that by reason of a finding of serious professional misconduct his registration in the register be erased.

Mr Kieran Coonan, QC and Miss Nicola Davies for Dr Reza; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Miss Rosalind Foster for the GMC.

LORD LOWRY said that by notice of enquiry the appellant was charged with (1) on numerous occasions at his surgery making improper and indecent remarks to an employee and behaving improperly towards her; (2) making improper and indecent remarks to another employee; (3) and (4) making improper and indecent remarks and improper behaviour to two other employees; (5), (6) and (7a) abusing his professional position in order to make improper and indecent remarks to three different patients; and that in relation to the facts alleged in each head of the charge he had been guilty of serious professional misconduct.

There was only one charge, serious professional misconduct, but all concerned treated the notice as seven different charges of serious professional misconduct.

A difficulty was created for the committee, the legal assessor and counsel by the fact that counsel's submissions were made and considered under the shadow of certain observations appended to the judgment of the Board in *Lanford v General Medical Council* ([1990] 1 AC 13) which suggested applying to hearings before the committee procedures which were appropriate only to trial on indictment.

Mr Coonan applied for each of the seven charges to be tried separately. The legal assessor advised the committee that charges 1-4 (group A), which were concerned with the appellant's conduct towards four receptionists employed by him, might properly be heard together and that charges 6 and 7(a) (group B), which were concerned with his conduct towards two patients, might properly be heard together. Charge 5 was not pursued. He stated that the question of hearing charges together fell to be determined in accordance with the rule about evidence of similar facts.

The committee accepted that advice and first heard evidence relating to charges 1-4. Mr Coonan submitted that, looking at the evidence in four isolated compartments, the facts of which evidence had been adduced were insufficient to support a finding of serious professional misconduct.

The committee acceded to that submission in relation to charge 1. The committee subsequently determined that the facts alleged in charges 2 and 3 had been proved but not those in charge 4, and proposed to hear charges 6 and 7(a).

Mr Coonan submitted that they should be adjourned and heard by a different committee, but the committee proceeded to hear the charges and reached a determination that the facts alleged therein had been proved except the words "and indecent" in charge 6. The committee judged the appellant to have been guilty of serious professional misconduct.

On appeal Mr Coonan submitted, *inter alia*, that the committee ought to have arranged for a separate hearing of each of the charges instead of a two-group hearing, and that the committee, by proceeding immediately to hear the group B charges instead of adjourning them to be heard by a different committee, had prejudiced the fair hearing of the charges against the appellant.

Mr Coonan's arguments relied on an assumed analogy with a criminal trial, the validity of which was seriously called in question by *R v General Medical Council, Ex parte Gee* ([1987] 1 WLR 564) and a number of earlier cases.

Their Lordships were satisfied that, if the criminal analogy was applied, the committee did full justice to the appellant when they adopted the procedure for hearing the complaints in groups A and B as they did, since the evidence of improper and indecent conduct and the surrounding circumstances in each of heads 1-4 qualified as similar fact evidence in relation to the other heads in group A and the same could be said concerning heads 6 and 7(a) within group B.

Their Lordships were equally satisfied with regard to the closely related question whether the evidence under heads 2 and 3 and under heads 6 and 7(a) respectively was similar fact evidence and therefore capable, provided it was found to be credible, of affording mutual corroboration.

There were two separate answers to the complaint about the committee proceeding immediately from the group A charges to hear those in group B.

The first met the appellant on his own ground. The legal assessor advised the committee that they should proceed with charges 6 and 7(a) if and only if they were satisfied that the doctor would obtain a fair hearing and would be seen to obtain a fair hearing.

The committee reached a deliberate decision to proceed. They had shown and were to show by their decisions in favour of the appellant on charges 1, 4 and 6 the ability to discriminate and, in turning to cases were patients were concerned, they must have been very much aware of their responsibilities.

Accordingly, there was no real likelihood of an operative prejudice and a reasonable and fair-minded person who was familiar with the procedure would not have had a reasonable suspicion that a fair trial for the appellant on the group B charges would not be possible.

The second answer depended mainly on a consideration of the procedure to be followed in hearings before the committee as set out in the General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules Order of Council (SI 1988 No 2255).

The 1988 Rules appeared to contemplate an enquiry by one committee into every matter put before them, whether relating to convictions or conduct or both.

The whole picture was of a committee who were to be informed of all the facts alleged and all the background which could help them to determine in the interests of the public and the profession what, if anything, was to be done by way of erasure or suspension or the imposition of conditions.

The absence of any provision for the separate hearing of charges or parts of charges was consistent with that approach. The procedure was clearly and strictly laid down, so that it would be impossible to wait until two or more separate committees had made interim findings and then have a final adjudication.

His Lordship referred to *Gee* and *Duncan v Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Committee* ([1986] 1 NZLR 513) and continued that it appeared from the 1988 Rules that the charge, and not the separate incidents designated by the heads or particulars of the charge, was the unit of accusation and determination.

If any of the particulars of a charge survived, serious professional misconduct might be found in respect of the charge of which they were particulars. But if there was a finding of not guilty on one charge, that charge and the conduct relating to it were no longer before the committee.

The presence of the twofold condition for separation of charges meant that it was appropriate to make the group A and group B incidents the subject of a single charge of serious professional misconduct, because they were all relevant to the way in which the appellant conducted his practice.

The division of the charges into two groups by reference to the similar fact doctrine ought to have carried no implication that the groups would be heard separately in the sense in which the word was understood in a criminal context.

The committee, even if there had been two or more formal charges, were at liberty to hear, indeed ought to have heard, all the evidence relating to the six heads of complaint and head 7(b), although that alleged a different kind of misconduct in connection with the practice, and ought to have gone through the whole rule 27 procedure in relation to all the evidence before passing on the the procedure under rules 28-31.

The procedure suggested in *Lanford* (at p23) concerning separate trials and separate charges ought not to be adopted.

The inevitable consequence was that in cases like the present, as well as those involving more disparate complaints, all matters alleged would be heard and considered together.

That left room for the juxtaposition of allegations which, although not qualifying as similar fact evidence, were like enough in character to cause prejudice. That would necessitate a strict warning to the committee and also, where appropriate, the identification of similar fact principles when the evidence had been given.

His Lordship considered a number of authorities relating to similar fact evidence and continued that within each group, each complainant's evidence, if credible and subject to the question of collusion, was capable of corroborating the evidence of the other complainant or complainants.

The appellant, if the evidence was to be believed, pursued a continuous course of sexual harassment of his young employees in his surgery during working hours. A characteristic feature was the way he introduced sex at every turn, even when sex was not, so to speak, on the agenda.

His conduct in that regard was distinctly unusual. The same feature appeared in the patients' evidence.

While they did not have to decide the point, their Lordships found much to be said in favour of the view that the similar facts doctrine applied to all the matters considered by the committee.

Mr Coonan contended that the principle did not apply even within each group and pointed to the generally commonplace nature of the appellant's individual breaches of decency and decorum.

However, the appellant's course of conduct and the circumstances in which it was pursued were not at all commonplace and there was in all he did an underlying unity which gave the evidence probative force as mutual corroboration.

Mr Coonan relied on *R v B* (*The Times* June 26, 1990) in which the Court of Appeal quashed the conviction of a man charged with incest, indecent assault and indecency in respect of his three daughters, and Lord Justice Mustill said that the offences were alleged to have happened at home and that the daughters submitted and kept silent through fear but those were the common coin of evidence in cases of father-daughter incest and there was nothing striking about them.

That troubled their Lordships. Supposing that the acts committed and the accompanying circumstances were commonplace in an incestuous relationship, as to which no opinion was expressed, two other features were far from commonplace, namely the appellant's preoccupation with young girls as a means of gratifying his desires and the fact that those girls were his daughters.

The relevance of that point to the present case was that the supposedly unremarkable nature of the acts committed provided an unreliable answer to the question whether in all the circumstances the similar facts doctrine applied so that the evidence would carry conviction in the eyes of a fair-minded person.

Solicitors: Hempsons; Field Fisher Waterhouse.

# Injury not caused 'at work'

**McKay v Unwin Pyrotechnics Ltd**

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment February 6]

There was no contravention of section 6(1)(a) and (b) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (as amended by the Consumer Protection Act 1987) when a person was injured while carrying out the first trials and demonstration of a dummy mine, as it could not be said that it was designed or manufactured for use at work but rather to determine whether it could be used at work.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal brought by the Health and Safety Executive against the dismissal by Dover Justices of two informations preferred on behalf of the executive alleging contraventions of section 6(1)(a) and (b) of the 1974 Act by Unwin Pyrotechnics Ltd.

The dummy mine was being tested to ascertain whether it would explode when hit by a flail attached to a vehicle.

Section 6 provides: "(1) It shall be the duty of any person who designs, manufactures, imports or supplies any article for use at work . . . (a) to ensure . . . that the article is . . . safe . . . when it is being . . . used . . . by a person at work; (b) to carry out or arrange for the carrying out of such testing and examination as may be necessary for the performance of the duty imposed on him by the preceding paragraph."

Mr Ian Leist for the executive; Mr Nigel Wilkinson, QC, for Unwins.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that on March 23, 1988 Michael Stone was injured as the result of the detonation of a prototype dummy mine, or area denial munition simulator, that he was testing. He was a self employed explosives expert engaged by Unwins to act as a consultant in the design, testing and manufacture of the dummy mine.

It was argued on behalf of the executive that Mr Stone had been injured while at work. That, however, was to focus upon the problem from the wrong end.

His Lordship could not see how it could be said that the mine was designed or manufactured for use at work. Its design and manufacture was to determine whether it could be used at work.

Whether the operator ought to be protected was another matter but in the circumstances of the present case there had been no contravention.

Mr Justice Simon Brown agreed.

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# User-friendly firms spell out the terms

**For the people who say they do not know what lawyers do to earn their fees, Edward Fennell discovers a practice that puts it on paper**

Wilde Sapte, the City law firm with a reputation for its banking practice, claims to have broken new ground with the publication yesterday of its "Client Guide". Philip Brown, the managing partner, says clients are increasingly concerned to understand how their relationship with their lawyers will work. So, whether clients want to know the fees they will be charged or how to complain, it is now important for law firms to be explicit about how they operate.

"The client service brochure is the result of careful market analysis," Mr Brown explains. "It demonstrates our strategy to be regarded as a firm that genuinely delivers partner-led service."

Most leading London and regional firms would make similar claims. Wilde Sapte, however, has put down on paper the standards to which it is committed. For example, the firm explains how it handles clients' complaints and says it will answer them all "within 48 hours and by written reply". This initiative reflects new consumer pressures. The mystique surrounding legal service, which still means many clients are sent six-monthly bills without detail, is under increasing scrutiny. Clients are facing tough times and want to know exactly the service they will receive and how much they will pay for it.

Tim Razzell, the chief executive of Frere Cholmeley, confirms it is now important to be open, clear, and explicit with clients about how their work will be handled. "All new clients have the relationship explained to them in detail," he says. "Lawyers cannot afford to be seen as lofty and remote any more."

The Lovell White Durrant firm says it now sends clients a "letter of engagement" once an agreement has been struck. This describes the terms and conditions of the relationship and supplements the firm's general standards, such as promising to return all telephone calls the same day and replying to all letters within 24 hours.

The Wilde Sapte approach is different, however, in that it publishes its terms and conditions in advance as a selling point instead of stating them after being engaged. Wilde Sapte also argues that, although other firms provide the information informally, key points could be overlooked or misunderstood. Giving information in a brochure allows no room for error.

An important part of the new Wilde Sapte system is an annual "service audit" carried out by the individual client's "service partner", who oversees all the work being done for that client. During the audit interviews are held with the key people in the client's organisation to review how well the work is being handled and to discover potential improvements. If there are problems, they are brought into the open for discussion.

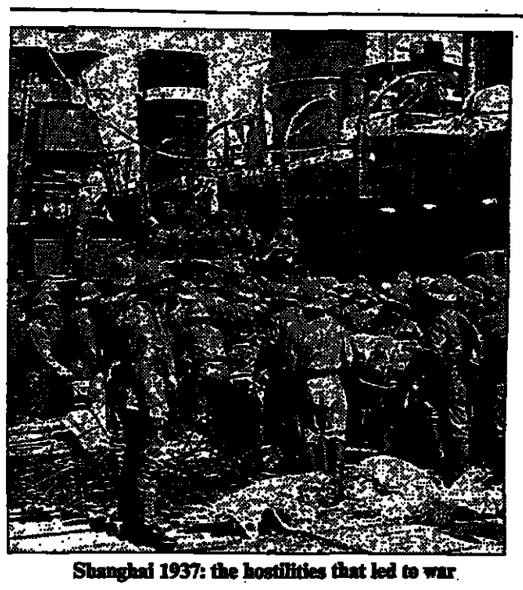
Although other firms say that similar exercises are held informally, there are still relatively few that state it so clearly. "We do not have a formal annual review at the moment," says Jeremy Connell, who is responsible for marketing at Lovell White Durrant. "It may be something we set up in the future."

The greater the clarity in the relationship, the better people know where they stand, and the more comfortable they will feel. One section in the Wilde Sapte booklet is devoted to the client's role and explains how clients can keep fees down. The booklet says: "There are times when clients may be able to carry out tasks more economically than if the work is passed to us."

Such a message is likely to be music to the client's ears. The more clearly the message is delivered, the more likely it is to get a response.



By the book: Philip Brown, publishing conditions in advance



Shanghai 1937: the hostilities that led to war

# War? A case of common sense

A RECENT discussion about a *force majeure* clause in commercial contracts has illustrated the confusion over the meaning of the word "war" to English courts. In particular, people have wondered whether English courts would have the same understanding of war as public international law.

In fact, English courts ignore the niceties of international law when deciding. The word war is always construed in a commonsense commercial way.

A leading textbook on commercial shipping contracts, *Scrutton on Charterparties*, states: "The word 'war' in a provision in a charter-party is not to be construed in accordance with the tests of international law, but is to receive the business or commercial meaning in which it would be understood in its context."

The authority is *Kawasaki v the Bantham* (1939) 2KB544, in which Judge Goddard decided the definition of the hostilities between China and Japan as war had to be answered from the understanding of a tramp steamer captain, who found 500,000 troops fighting at Shanghai. The judge determined the captain would say: "There is a war going on and I must hotfoot it from Shanghai with my ship immediately."

The reason is clear. The steamer captain on the Clapham omnibus is not a Latin scholar and is not familiar with international law. Nor is he familiar with the Hague Convention on the Opening of Hostilities 1907, which requires that a war should be announced by declaration or ultimatum.

Any trader considering whether his *force majeure* clause entitled him to suspend or postpone performance should have had no fear that there was war in the Gulf.

It has also been alleged when discussing the doctrine of frustration: "The courts are not as flexible when dealing with frustration cases and are unable so easily to readjust a contract to provide a fair result." This is incorrect. The Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Act 1943, intended to remedy what was seen as an injustice, says: "Where any party to the contract has by reason of anything done by any other party thereto in or for the purpose of the performance of the contract obtained valuable benefit . . . there shall be recoverable from him by the said other party such sum, if any, not exceeding the value of the said benefit to the party obtaining it as the court considers just having regard to all the circumstances of the case."

Further detailed provisions cover other circumstances in which a court may award payments it considers just. Therefore, if a contract is terminated through the doctrine of frustration, the court has a wide-ranging discretion.

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## INNS AND OUTS

### A fair way to network

LEADING regional law firms will be among the 80 employers at this year's Law Fair at the Business Design Centre, in Islington, north London, on March 14 and 15. Firms that have formed networks, such as Law South, the Legal Resources Group, Eversheds and the Norton Rose M5 Group, will be recruiting for 29 practices.

The relative buoyancy of regional firms is shown by a new report from Actis Recruitment, which specialises in jobs for solicitors in the North. Andrew Lee, the director, says: "Most provincial law practices are not suffering the fall-off in work reported by firms in London and the South. Solicitors in the North and the Midlands are offering greater job opportunities than firms in the Southeast."

The fair, run by the University of London's careers advisory service, and sponsored by *The Times*, the Bar and the Law Society, is expected to attract more than 5,000 students. A career in international law and opportunities on the Continent will be another strong theme. The big regional firms, and City firms with offices abroad, will be promoting this aspect of their training programmes.




University, polytechnic and college students are likely to seek information on undergraduate degree courses, as well as the common professional exam or diploma in law (the conversion courses for non-law graduates to become lawyers) and the Law Society finals exams.

● *Details: 071-387 8221.*

### Defence links

THE International Bar Association is to set up a transnational network for lawyers who defend alleged terrorists, international drug traffickers and money launderers. The network will be launched at a Munich seminar in July and will be established in association with the American National Association of Criminal Defence Lawyers and the American Bar Association.

The network is the idea of Peter Müller, a Munich lawyer and criminal-law specialist. It will concentrate on discussing the problems common to all lawyers defending alleged international criminals, including gaining access to the client, public attacks and difficulties in getting bail.

### Going east

THE City law firm Allen & Overy is opening a branch in Warsaw. The office will be run as a joint venture between Allen & Overy and Gide Loyrette Nouel, a French law firm, operating as an extension of the firms' close association. The two firms, which jointly advised the Polish government on setting up a stock exchange, already have Polish-speaking lawyers in Warsaw.

### Bar poser

WHILE law firms continue to open branch offices on the Continent, despite the recession, one Euro-law firm is opening a set of chambers in Chancery Lane.

The UK barristers in the firm Stanbrook and Hooper have caused a stir with their venture. They are continuing to act in partnership for the purpose of overseas practice work, as allowed under Bar rules.

The Bar Council will now have to work out what this means for its ban on partnerships for domestic work.

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Prevention is easier than cure. If you are promised a mix of work – some interesting, some not – take steps to verify the true proportions. Ask to talk to the person you will replace or to other members of staff who know the kind of work to be done and the background to the vacancy. As a precaution, it may be wise to assume that the interesting work will be described with greater emphasis than the uninteresting.

If you do find yourself in this dilemma, what is the solution? Those who seriously need advice should give me a ring. Each case is unique. One set of considerations applies, for instance, to newly-qualified solicitors who will rapidly become labelled as specialists in the work they are doing, however unwillingly they are doing it. It is imperative they take action quickly. Other considerations apply to senior solicitors who may have a history of frequent job-moves and who are concerned above all to stay put. The dilemma is a common one, but unfortunately there are no simple solutions. *Michael Chambers*

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# An unwavering note for aspiring singers

**Professional singing is not as glamorous as it may appear, Widget Finn says. The training requires dedication and, once qualified, you need business skills to succeed**

The advice to anyone thinking of taking up singing as a career is uncompromising. "If you want to sing more than anything else in the world, go ahead," says Mollie Petrie, the head of the junior vocal department at London's Guildhall School of Music & Drama. "But it is not easy, and you have to be single-minded."

Music-making is an important part of the curriculum at many secondary schools. What is the next step for pupils who want to find out whether they have the ability, and stamina, to become professional singers?

The Guildhall school, like other leading music colleges, holds a Saturday school for young people. Miss Petrie believes the mid-teens are an important time for an aspiring singer.

"We take pupils from 15 years until they go to college or university," she says. "Not all our students have exceptional voices. We look for musicality and potential, and we find that voices emerge and grow with people."

Students, usually referred by their school or music teacher, often travel long distances to attend. The day includes a 40-minute individual singing lesson, a general musicianship class, ensemble and instrumental tuition and workshops. The fee is £330 a term, which can be funded by local authority grants and college scholarships.

Miss Petrie says a young singer should be taught regularly by a competent teacher. The Incorporated Society of Musicians can provide details of local singing teachers.

Aspiring singers often have to choose whether to go to university before starting training.

Music colleges offer a BA, diploma or performers' course in singing. Candidates must, says Gordon Stewart, the head of vocal studies at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, have more than a good voice. "We are looking for musicianship," he says, "combined with a talent for performance and communication."

The academy's singing department is smaller than those of London-based colleges, and can offer a more individual programme. At the end of the course, few graduates will begin a full-time career immediately. Many do further training in Britain or abroad. Some join the chorus of a big opera company, others do part-time work to finance themselves while they build their career.

Performers nowadays train for up to ten years. What, at the end, will be their job prospects? Mr Stewart says: "The number of qualified singers increases every year, but with the growth of professional and fringe companies, there are more opportunities. The financial rewards are not great, but people are attracted to singing because of the enormous enjoyment it gives them and others."

Nicola Jenkin went professional ten years ago. She sings as a soloist in Britain and abroad, in music festivals at Salzburg and Vienna, and with London's Monteverdi Choir. "I was drawn to concert work, rather than opera," she says, "because I started singing quite young, and wanted to get on with my career rather than wait for my voice to develop operatically. Because I can sight-read well and have the right sort of voice to fit into a choir, I was offered regular singing engagements as soon as I finished training."

Ms Jenkin was 16 when she decided she wanted to sing professionally. The assumption at her school was that everyone would aim for university, but Ms Jenkin was offered a place at the Royal College of Music in London on the three-year performers' course (now four years). After a postgraduate course at the college, she won a scholarship to continue her music studies in Vienna. Ms Jenkin says: "The greatest benefit from my year in Vienna, apart from the singing, was that I became fluent in German, which has been invaluable."



JOHN MANNING

Meeting challenges: Nicola Jenkin, with friend Catherine Verney (piano), was 16 when she decided on a singing career

There is a good supply of choral, concert and recording-session work for young singers, but Ms Jenkin now wants to concentrate on her career as a soloist.

"Music colleges teach you how to sing," she says, "but they do not tell you how to get a job. A few graduates win singing competitions and get signed by an agent. The rest of us have to acquire business skills and learn how to market ourselves to potential employers." Ms Jenkin produced a brochure on her solo repertoire, which is aimed at choirs and music groups. The response to her mailshot has been good, and she will follow it up she says.

Ms Jenkin enjoys the variety of her work. One week, she sang solos by Purcell in Spain, Bach in Munich and Mendelssohn in Hertfordshire. She appeared on Japanese television and has six recordings to her credit.

"From the outside," Ms Jenkin says, "it seems a glamorous life. But you need self-discipline, and you have to be able to cope with a demanding schedule. Despite the drawbacks, it is a challenging and rewarding career. I would never consider doing anything else."

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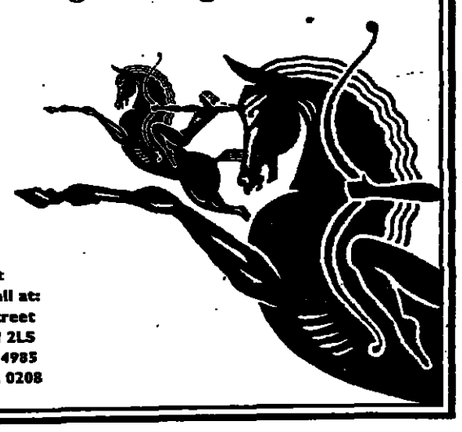
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GOLF

# Woosnam concentrates on his major concern

From MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
ST RAPHAEL

IAN Woosnam may have won the Fujitsu Mediterranean Open here by virtue of the demise of Michael McLean but he could hardly have chosen a better way to start his year.

Woosnam would be the first to admit that his success on the Esterel-Latitudes course owed as much to McLean dropping four shots on the last three holes as it did to his own craftsmanship.

Yet Woosnam, despite being four shots behind with three holes to play, refused to accept that he would on his first appearance of the year lose one of the five titles he won in 1990.

"You have to keep thinking it's possible to win no matter how the odds are stacked against you," Woosnam said. "I had to hang in there and hope. Anything is possible but only if you believe it to be.

"I am sorry for Mike. Who isn't? It was a wretched way for him to lose. But if I don't win another European Tour event this season it will not bother me so long as I have a major championship. I've long since stopped worrying about winning money; it's fame rather than fortune that I'm now chasing."

Woosnam will not play again on the PGA European Tour until the Benson and Hedges International at St Mellion, which starts on April 18. His immediate ambition is to arrive in Cornwall as the Masters champion.

"I see no reason why I shouldn't win at Augusta," Woosnam said. "I've played three tournaments there, so I do have a good knowledge of the golf course. To win I will have to play the par threes better. I do seem to get caught between clubs. It is a question of going in there well prepared and I believe I will be."

Woosnam will spend time at home this week, depositing another £66,660 cheque to the bank among other things, although he will keep his game well grooved by playing several friendly matches with friends. Then it will be back to the real business. He will play in Orlando, New Orleans and Ponte Vedra before taking a break at the Florida home of Greg Norman — "we're going fishing" — before he attempts to stop Nick Faldo from winning a third successive Masters.

For McLean, it is not so much back to the drawing board; more a case of accepting that life has a habit of dealing a bad hand when least you need it. "I wanted to win so much not just for myself but also for my mother," he said. "She is not in the best of health and she is waiting for a call to go into hospital."

McLean stood in the lounge at Nice airport and took one consolatory pat on the back after another. Bernard Gallacher, the European captain for the Ryder Cup, was one to offer condolence.

At least he kept his humour. "Perhaps when I get home I should give Mike Hallett a ring," he said. "I watched him lose to Stephen Hendry in the Benson and Hedges. I couldn't believe what happened to him. Then just about the same thing happens to me. I guess it's fate." McLean will this week move on to the Majorcan Open.

## Mediate seizes title

MIAMI (AP) — Rocco Mediate's eight-foot birdie putt on the first play-off hole beat Curtis Strange in the storm-delayed finish of the Doral Open yesterday and gave him the first PGA Tour victory of his career.

Mediate, one of the few players on the Tour who use the ultra-long putter, birdied the last two holes of regulation play to match Strange's total of 276 for 72 holes and force the play-off.

Strange, attempting to end a run without a win that began after his 1989 US Open triumph, missed a 15-foot birdie putt on the play-off hole moments before Mediate sank the winner on the par-five 1st hole.

Strange and Mediate were among the 22 players stranded on the course on Sunday by a late-afternoon thunderstorm that caused an overnight delay to the finish of the final round.

**VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT AND LEADING RYDER CUP PLACES:** 1, I Woosnam (Wales), £86,666; 2, M McLean (Eng), £46,533; 3, S Richardson (Eng), £46,166; 4, M A Jiménez (Sp), £27,818; 5, M A Martin (Sp), £26,807; 6, J-M Olazábal (Sp), £25,702; 7, G Turner (Eng), £16,940; 8, J Rivero (Sp), £15,865; 9, E Moody (Eng), £13,641; 10, G Call (U), £13,109; 11, P-U Johansson (Swe), £12,500; 12, E O'Connell (Ire), £10,892.

HOCKEY

# Cup draw pits pair of former winners

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

PROVIDED Hounslow survive the postponed fifth-round match on Saturday against Doncaster, they will meet Slough in the quarter-finals of the Nationwide Anglia Cup on March 17. Hounslow and Slough are former winners.

Stourport, runners-up last year to Havant, have to get past Reading on Saturday to set up a quarter-final meeting with Bromley or Isca.

In what looks like the toughest fifth-round match, East Grinstead are at home to Indian Gymkhana, the winners qualifying to meet Lyons or Havant.

Although Bromley can expect a strong challenge from Isca on Saturday, they must be fancied to go through to the quarter-finals on the strength of their 4-0 win on Sunday over Bournville. Neil Berry scored three of their goals.

Bromley qualified for the final in 1989 and lost 2-1 to Hounslow. Cannock face a stiff task when they visit Firebrands and Havant could be seriously tested by Lyons.

**QUARTER-FINAL DRAW:** Firebrands v Cannock; Hounslow or Doncaster v Slough; Reading or Stourport v Bromley or Isca; Lyons or Havant v East Grinstead or Indian Gymkhana.

RACING

# Scudamore confronted with Champion Hurdle trilemma

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

PETER Scudamore will decide today on his mount in next Tuesday's Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham as the reigning champion jockey attempts to repeat his 1988 victory on Celtic Shot.

"Black Humour, Sondrio and Nomadic Way are the three horses I'm considering," said Scudamore at Windsor yesterday. "I'll be talking to Barry Hills about Nomadic Way after his return from the South of France this evening and I'll make an announcement tomorrow."

Ironically, Black Humour is the horse that was responsible for Scudamore breaking his left leg and being out of action for ten weeks after a fall at Market Rasen in November.

Sondrio has dramatically entered the reckoning after easily beating Nomadic Way, formerly the ante-post favourite, at Haydock last Friday. And the deep impression made by Black Humour when landing a major gamble at Kempton recently was reinforced by some sparkling work on the Lambourn downs with Welsh Bard on Saturday morning.

"We had some problems after he disappointed behind Fidway at Newbury. He developed sore shins and is also a finicky feeder. But we gave him a special diet and everything seems sorted out," said Charlie Brooks.

In the past week Black Humour has been backed from 50-1 to 20-1 with both Corals and Ladbrokes. "We've laid the horse every day," said Wally Pyrah of Corals. "The last bet I laid on Saturday at Haydock was £500 at 20-1." Morley Street remains the firm's 3-1 favourite with Athy Spirit and Sondrio both on offer at 7-1.

Whatever choice Scudamore makes in the championship, he was certainly on the mark at Windsor when preferring Martin Pipe's Biennial to the Brooks-trained favourite, Blazing Touch, in the Thames Novices' Hurdle. Going clear from the third last, Biennial won decisively by seven lengths and may attempt a quick follow-up at Chepstow on Saturday.

With the National Hunt Festival only a week away, several of our top trainers appear to be hitting peak form at the right time. Oliver Sherwood and John Edwards saddled two winners apiece and Jenny Pitman's good run continued when her son, Mark, rode the strongly-fancied Egypt Mill Prince to a hard-fought length victory over Pardon Me Sir in the EBF Novices' Hurdle.

Sherwood's double of just under 32-1 was initiated by Patrico, whom Jamie Osborne bought from a long way back to collar the long-time leader Barkisland at the last fence before going clear to win by 12 lengths.

Sherwood intends to have a team of six or seven at Cheltenham, led by Arctic Call, the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup winner, who renews Wincanton rivalry with Cool Ground in the Tote Gold Cup.

Edwards's double of 23-1, initiated by Forest Ranger in the March Handicap Chase, was completed by Saddler's Choice, who ran out a wide-margin winner of the Levy Board Novices' Hurdle.

## Al Asoof heads market

AL ASOOF, recent conqueror of Beech Road and Sondrio at Fontwell, has been installed 7-2 favourite by Ladbrokes for Saturday's £30,000 Imperial Cup at Sandown, for which there were eighteen acceptors at yesterday's five-day stage.

William Hill declined to open a book on the two-mile handicap hurdle as many of the acceptors are also engaged in next week's County Hurdle at Cheltenham.

**ACCEPTORS:** Wonder Man 6-12-0, Yahash 7-12-0, Stratford Ponda 6-11-8, Honest Word 6-11-6, State Jester 6-11-5, Fragrant Dawn 7-11-1, Al Asoof 6-11-1, Star Season 7-10-6, Precious Boy 5-10-6, Kherif 7-10-6, La Clanaga 7-10-4, Coe 5-10-4, Old Virginia 5-10-2, Magnus Pym 6-10-2, Badrashani 5-10-1, Champagne Lad 6-10-0, Kent 6-9-9, Stop The Blues 7-9-1.
**BETTING:** Ladbrokes 7-2 Al Asoof, 5-1 Champagne Lad, 6-1 Honest Word, 9-1 State Jester, 10-1 Wonder Man, Star Season, Precious Boy, 12-1 bar.


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# Springaleak's case looks watertight in Warwick hurdle

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

**SPRINGALEAK** appeals as a good bet to win the Ranvet Mares Only Novices' Hurdle at Warwick today, now that she will be racing over only two miles again. She is my nap.

It was over today's distance that this six-year-old made an impressive English debut at Towcester in January, having spent her formative days in Ireland where she won a National Hunt flat race at Limerick.

Next time out, Springaleak was asked to step up in both class and distance when she tackled the Coventry City Trial Novices' Hurdle on today's course 13 days ago.

The indelible impression gained on that occasion was that she did not see the trip out, even though she managed to finish third behind Better Times Ahead and South Harvest.

If, as I suspect, the distance was beyond her best, she did even better than might have been apparent at the time because she still managed to finish in front of Tyrone Bridge, Super Sense, Secret Four, Montagnard and Bolaney Boy, winners all this season.

A second victory for the Oliver Sherwood-trained mare would point to Everaldo being capable of winning the second division of the Watergall Maiden Hurdle at the end of the programme in the hands of Richard Dunwoody.

For he had Cokenny Boy and Garston La Gaffe, two of his opponents this afternoon, directly behind when he was beaten eight lengths by Springaleak on what was also his hurdling debut.

A decent, albeit somewhat unsound stayer on the Flat when trained by Paul Cole, Everaldo pleased his current handler Nicky Henderson that day and should be even better suited by today's longer trip.

The Crudwell Cup, today's most valuable race, can go to **Rubika**, who showed that stamina is his strong suit when winning at Worcester.

Ability to cope with tough conditions has never been a problem for West Tip, the 1986 Grand National winner, and I expect him to capture the Varley Hibbs Hunters' Chase after performing with sufficient promise in the race won by Crammer at Nottingham a week ago: sufficient simply because he has always needed a race to put him right after a long absence.

**Blue Bourbon**, my selection for the Wright Rain Irrigation Chase, had the misfortune to run up against Gordon Richards's crack novice, Last 'O' The Bunch, at Stratford last time. He should find life easier this time.

**Macarthur**, another who had seen only a rear view of Last 'O' The Bunch before winning at Newcastle, can capture the Reg Boyle Bookmaker Novices' Chase at Sedgefield where Peter Niven appears to have sound prospects of adding to his fine record by landing a double on Ballymore Park (2.45) and Laurie-O (3.45).

In the McEwans Best Scotch Durham National Handicap Chase, I like none better than What About Me, a previous winner on the Cleveland track this season.

● Tomorrow's meeting at Bangor has been abandoned. The course is waterlogged.

## WARWICK

### Selections

| By Mandarin | By Thunderer |
|---|---|
| 1.30 SPRINGALEAK (nap). | 1.30 Logical Lady. |
| 2.00 West Tip. | 2.00 Beech Grove. |
| 2.30 Military Band. | 2.30 Just Rose. |
| 3.00 Rubika. | 3.00 RYMER KING (nap). |
| 3.30 Andrelot. | 3.30 Andrelot. |
| 4.00 Blue Bourbon. | 4.00 Up-A-Point. |
| 4.30 Embarkation. | 4.30 Celtic Sport. |
| 5.00 Everaldo. | 5.00 Everaldo. |

By Michael Seely

1.30 LOGICAL LADY (nap). 5.00 Everaldo.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 EMBARKATION (nap).

Brian Beel's selection: 2.00 West Tip.

**Going: soft** SIS

**1.30 RANVET MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE** (£2,248: 2m) (25 runners)

1 21288 SHAMANA 13 (D,G) (Lord Northampton) D Nicholson 5-11-9 ..... R Dunwoody 98
2 414-512 SPRINGALEAK 13 (D,G) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 5-11-9 ..... J Osborne 98
3 ABSENT LOVER 209F (F Yardley) F Yardley 10-11-2 ..... M Hoad (3) —
4 AUDLEY LADY (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2 ..... M Pitman —
5 6-000 FAIRFIELD'S BREEZE 75 (D Abbott) R Dickin 5-11-2 ..... D Meredith (7) —
6 0- PARMER'S FUN 348 (G Ratcliff) Mrs A Ratcliff 5-11-2 ..... R Beggan —
7 122-F FLAKEY DOVE 5 (D) (J Price) Price 5-11-2 ..... Mr D Duggan (7) —
8 000- HERE TO-DAY 325 (N Mainwaring-Tucker) Miss H Knight 7-11-2 ..... B Dowling —
9 UP- IMPETULENCE 444 (T Couchman) C Broad 5-11-2 ..... D Tegg —
10 0P 10LMALOODA 67 (F O'Rourke) L Codd 5-11-2 ..... R Supple —
11 0- LITTLE STAG 39 (I Howells) C Smith 5-11-2 ..... C Smith —
12 MAUNDY MIST (J Hickman) C Jones 7-11-2 ..... Martin Jones (3) —
13 0P MISS POWERHOUSE 69 (T Casey) T Casey 5-11-2 ..... J McCarthy (7) —
14 MISS SIMONE 112F (I McGrathy) D White 5-11-2 ..... A Carroll —
15 0/3- NONSUCH HERO 474 (Mrs I McNeille) P Jones 7-11-2 ..... M Kinane 97
16 4 OUTFIELD 9 (Mrs M Grant) J Webber 5-11-2 ..... M Lynch —
17 0- ROYAL CELT 477 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 7-11-2 ..... S J O'Neill —
18 03 ROYAL FLAMINGO 46 (C Bravery) C Bravery 5-11-2 ..... B Powell 93
19 00/ STARLACE 1246 (P Hartigan) T Casey 5-11-2 ..... J Shortt —
20 VILLA BIANCA 83F (M Barons) S Hards 5-11-2 ..... S McNeill —
21 122 LOGICAL LADY 73 (D,BF,F) (D Tyden-Wright) R Holder 4-11-4 ..... N Mann ● 98
22 P AGAINST YOU 12 (G Morby) S Akehurst 4-10-6 ..... L Harvey —
23 0 BURSAR 102 (N Springham) W Holden 4-10-5 ..... S Keightley —
24 DEEPKY 171F (R Brichart) M Pipe 4-10-5 ..... P Scudamore —
25 KALOGY 131F (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 4-10-5 ..... G McCourt —

BETTING: 7-2 Springaleak, 5-2 Deepky, 5-1 Logical Lady, 6-1 Shamana, 8-1 Flakey Dove, 12-1 Audley Lad, 14-1 Nonsuch Hero, Outfield, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** SHAMANA 15l 6th of 21 to Detura in novices' handicap over course and distance (2m, good to soft). SPRINGALEAK 14½l 3rd to Better Times Ahead here (2m 5f, good to soft); previously beat Everaldo 8l over min/hurn trip at Towcester (good). AUDLEY LADY sister by Deep Run to useful chaser Highrish and National Hunt Flat race winner The Rapids. OUTFIELD 20l 4th to Pere Bazille in Doncaster bumper (2m 150yd, good). ROYAL FLAMINGO staying-on 17½l 3rd to Quentin Durwood at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, good to soft). LOGICAL LADY ½l 2nd to Easy Buck at Hereford (2m, good). DEEPKY winner at around a mile on the Flat in Belgium.

Selection: SPRINGALEAK

**2.0 VARLEY HIBBS HUNTER CHASE** (Amateurs: £1,733: 3m 1f) (10 runners)

1 6411F6- WHATS HE BY 363 (S) (S Flurry) S Flurry 7-12-8 ..... D Lait (7) —
2 242PP-3 ARDESEE 10 (B,G,S) (D White) D White 11-12-2 ..... J White (7) 78
3 0/000/F- BEECH GROVE 307 (S) (Miss C Gordon) Miss C Gordon 10-12-2 ..... M Felton (7) —
4 UPPP3-4 BUSTED SPRING 32 (F) (A Milburn) A Milburn 10-12-2 ..... C Stockton (7) 55
5 /PPP/U FAME THE SPUR 19 (F,G,S) (J House) J House 13-12-2 ..... T Jenks (7) —
6 00/P000- GOOD WATERS 253 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Wilson) Mrs J Wilson 11-12-2 ..... R Ford (7) —
7 P16/552- OAKGROVE 291 (G) (E Knight) E Knight 9-12-2 ..... S P Andrews (7) 53
8 /PU0F/U- PYLEIGH PRINCE 374 (G) (Mrs C Britain) Mrs C Britain 10-12-2 ..... P Hammersley (7) —
9 6230P-5 WEST TIP 7 (D,F,G,S) (P Luff) M Oliver 14-12-2 ..... A Sansome (7) ● 96
10 040P/4- WILSARATH 328 (S) (S Hall) S Hall 9-12-2 ..... S Shilston (7) —

BETTING: 5-4 West Tip, 3-1 Whats He By, 5-1 Ardesee, 7-1 Beech Grove, 8-1 Oakgrove, 12-1 Busted Spring, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** WHATS HE BY won handicap at Naas (2m 3f, soft) and Clonmel (3m, heavy) last term, on latter course defeating Sunset Point 6l. ARDESEE 24l 3rd to Run And Skip at Stratford (3m 2f, good to soft). BEECH GROVE every chance when falling 4 out on sole racecourse appearance last term in hunter won by Park Shade at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to firm); useful between the flags, at Cottenham (3m, firm) in May defeating Stanwick Lad 15l. BUSTED SPRING 17½l 4th to Mountain Crash at Bangor (3m, soft). OAKGROVE 6l 2nd to Polar Glen on final start last term at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, firm); best Georgethenninth a head in well contested Open at Tweseldown (3m, good to soft) last month. WEST TIP encouraging 35½l 5th to Crammer at Nottingham (3m, good); never dangerous 10th to Mr Frisk last term in Grand National (4m 4f, firm).

Selection: BEECH GROVE

**2.30 NIGHTFREIGHT HANDICAP HURDLE** (£2,831: 2m 5f) (13 runners)

1 22P-R22 MILITARY BAND 32 (G,S) (M Sweet) Mrs J Retter 13-11-12 ..... B Powell 92
2 0/P6PP- BURANMOUR 319 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 11-11-10 ..... A Lejeune (7) —
3 1UFFP5- ROSITARY 11 (F,S) (P Winsworth) S Mellor 8-11-8 ..... M Perrett 92
4 4003R3 TORKABAR 32 (S) (N Coulson-Stevens) G Ham 6-11-7 ..... Mr A Fitzgerald (7) 92
5 U443/7-P OUTLAW 13 (F,G,S) (H White) J Edwards 12-11-6 ..... D Tegg —
6 215/0-04 MONETARY FUND 84 (S) (J Court) R Akehurst 7-11-1 ..... L Harvey 97
7 14/0P-00 QUEBBARD 10 (F,G) (F Lee) F Lee 7-11-0 ..... C Hawkins —
8 1/00-200 JUST ROSE 80 (D,S) (Mrs D Jenks) M Pipe 7-10-13 ..... P Scudamore 98
9 0-6P05F BASKET WEAVE 15 (CD,F,G,S) (J Sayers) G Balding 10-10-12 ..... S Hodgson (7) 80
10 01/5502 GAELIC SILVER 82 (G) (D Gelt) J McConnochie 9-10-11 ..... G Upton (3) 97
11 141146 ELITEE-ESS 15 (D Johnson) R Weaver 6-10-10 ..... R Supple ● 98
12 514/0P- KUWAIT LEEL 433 (S) (J Wilcox) F Jordan 9-10-8 ..... J Lodder (3) 84
13 P-66244 SOLAR CLOUD 69 (F,G,S) (R Harris) M Charles 9-10-5 ..... Dale McKeown —

BETTING: 3-1 Rositary, 9-2 Military Band, 11-2 Torkabar, 6-1 Just Rose, 8-1 Elitee Ess, 10-1 Basket Weave, 12-1 Gaelic Silver, 14-1 Outlaw, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** MILITARY BAND one-paced 2¼l 2nd to Leading Role in Bangor claimer (2m 4f, soft). ROSITARY, has been chasing; 20½l 5th to Black Humour over hurdles at Kempton (2m 4f, good). TORKABAR 22l 3rd to Miami in Spring in ladies' race at Lingfield (2m 4f, soft). MONETARY FUND 16½l 4th to Yellow Spring at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to soft). JUST ROSE never dangerous 22l 8th of 27 to The Papparazzi at Nottingham (2m 6f, good). GAELIC SILVER 2l 2nd to Torwada at Warwick (2m, soft).

Selection: GAELIC SILVER

**3.0 CRUDWELL CUP** (Handicap chase: £4,386: 3m 4f 180yd) (5 runners)

1 55144-6 WOODGATE 94 (CD,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 10-11-7 ..... C Llewellyn 98
2 U6P-3PF L'ANE ROUGE 68 (S) (P Green) M Pipe 10-10-13 ..... D Murphy 97
3 43-P5I4 RYMER KING 42 (BF,F,G,S) (G Hubsby) J Chugg 9-10-12 ..... M Lynch 95
4 5141-PU BUMBLES FOLLY 6 (S) (C Lewis) D Barons 10-10-6 ..... J Frost 93
5 514F01 RUBIKA 6 (D,G,S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 8-10-4 (4ex) ..... M Perrett ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Rubika, 3-1 Rymer King, 7-2 L'Ane Rouge, 5-1 Woodgate, Bumbles Folly.

1990: SORACEVA 7-10-11 J Frost (14-1) G Balding 14 ran

**FORM FOCUS** WOODGATE 26½l 6th to Carrick Hill Lad at Chepstow (3m 3f, good); 20l 4th to Boracova on last term over course and distance (good to soft). L'ANE ROUGE every chance when fell last behind Mirage Day at Folkestone (3m 2f, soft); 8¼ 3rd to Fingest on reappearance at Worcester (3m, soft). RYMER KING 9l 4th to Golden Minstrel at Nottingham (3m, good to soft); previously beat Longriver Lady 7l at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good to soft). BUMBLES FOLLY beat Mountaloo 4l on final start last term at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft). RUBIKA beat Mister Hartigan 1¾l at Worcester (3m, soft).

Selection: RYMER KING

## Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| R Akehurst | 16 | 46 | 34.8 |
| J Gifford | 8 | 30 | 26.7 |
| M Pipe | 30 | 135 | 22.2 |
| G Balding | 11 | 54 | 20.4 |
| Mrs J Pitman | 21 | 103 | 20.4 |
| W G M Turner | 3 | 15 | 20.0 |

| JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Mann | 5 | 15 | 33.3 |
| R Supple | 4 | 14 | 28.6 |
| M Pitman | 12 | 46 | 26.1 |
| G Upton | 5 | 25 | 20.0 |
| P Scudamore | 28 | 138 | 18.8 |
| Dale McKeown | 5 | 33 | 15.2 |

## Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ..... S West (7) 86

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

**3.30 EMSCOTT CLAIMING HURDLE** (£1,851: 2m) (14 runners)

1 65231 ANDRELOT 12 (B,D,G) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-7 ..... M Pitman 96
2 200510 FINAL SOUND 68 (B,D,F) (B Seward) J Baker 6-11-6 ..... S Burrough (5) 82
3 P0/0U10 REEF LARK 63 (D,S) (Three Counties Bloodstock Ltd) F Jordan 6-11-6 J Ledder (3) 86
4 FR2 MOMBER 12 (M Baxter Ltd) M Ryan 5-11-4 ..... G McCourt 93
5 00 PULL THE PIN 68 (F Jordan) F Jordan 5-11-4 ..... T Protheroe (7) —
6 56- SUPREME WARRIOR 486 (D Price) P Hobbs 5-11-4 ..... S Earle 72
7 140/ TAPAGEUR 881 (DJF) (Mrs K Devonport) M Pipe 6-11-2 ..... P Scudamore —
8 2/58P-00 EDDIES FELLA 15 (A King) A Jones 6-11-1 ..... N Thomas (7) 82
9 00001-0 BELPENEL 52 (D,G) (Mrs B Key) C Smith 5-11-0 ..... C Smith 81
10 ROYAL ALASKA 574F (Mrs V O'Brien) P Burgoyne 5-10-13 ..... I Lawrence —
11 0/0P-P00 TUFF STICK 27 (G Murray) J Old 6-10-13 ..... C Llewellyn —
12 226PP4 HARLEQUIN LAD 10 (B) (Unicorn Racing Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-10 R Gusset ● 98
13 0 PATSBERIC 102 (E Bicknell) R Holder 4-10-7 ..... E Byrne —
14 0P COLWICK HALL LADY 6 (M Barrow) H Whiting 4-10-2 ..... D Lees (7) —

BETTING: 7-2 Andrelot, 4-1 Tapageur, 5-1 Final Sound, 7-1 Momber, Reef Lark, 12-1 Harlequin Lad, 14-1 Belpenel, Supreme Warrior, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** ANDRELOT best MOMBER (7lb better off) 8l at Wincanton (2m, good). FINAL SOUND beat Master Barn 5l at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. REEF LARK beat Sporting Idol 8l at Bangor (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. TAPAGEUR fair performer two seasons ago when winning at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, firm) and 16l 4th to Royal Derbi at Market Rasen (2m, good to firm). BELPENEL beaten a long way behind Polish on Market Rasen (3m, good to soft) reappearance; beat Lovely Wonga a short-head at Uttoxeter (2m, good) on final start last term. HARLEQUIN LAD 8l 4th to Lady Remainder at Stratford (2m, good to soft).

Selection: ANDRELOT

**4.0 WRIGHT RAIN IRRIGATION NOVICES CHASE** (£3,262: 2m) (15 runners)

1 6/01R22 BLUE BOURBON 10 (CD,S) (P Williams) R Holder 7-11-7 ..... N Mann ● 98
2 21109F1 OFFICER GROWLER 13 (D,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) Mrs D Haine 7-11-7 ..... J Shortt 87
3 082122 UP-A-POINT 10 (D,F,S) (D Holt) F Lee 6-11-7 ..... C Hawkins 85
4 0PF/0-PP BALLINAGORE GAA 63 (R Fetera) R Ecklay 10-11-1 ..... S Dowling 72
5 0F2-F55 BLODHAM 89 (C Wright) F Jordan 8-11-1 ..... J Ledder (3) —
6 0022- CHAIN SHOT 39F (H McEwan) K White 8-11-1 ..... G McCourt —
7 320/015 CLASSICAL QUARTET 13 (G,S) (A Hill) M Pipe 8-11-1 ..... P Scudamore —
8 0P000- MISTER TICKLE 367 (C McDonagh) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 ..... C Llewellyn —
9 3P/FF44 OLD EROS 20F (G,S) (T Chiki) M Ryan 7-11-1 ..... J MacLaughlin —
10 3UR6-23 ROXALL CLUMP 15 (M Morley) P Bailey 7-11-1 ..... M Richards 97
11 0800/5 SPEARHEAD WARRIOR 130 (P Buckley) M Muggeridge 9-11-1 ..... W Irvine —
12 B06-3P0 THE LEGGATE STAR 113 (Mrs J McHugh)-M Tate 8-11-1 ..... D Gallagher —
13 0/00U32 TILDEBO 39 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Blackburn) J Webber 7-11-1 ..... M Lynch 96
14 4040/6- YOUNG MORETON 474 (M Aram) A Turnell 7-11-1 ..... S McNeill —
15 000P5/P CLEO LADY 10 (P Nichols) W Mann 5-10-10 ..... T Wall —

BETTING: 3-1 Blue Bourbon, 4-1 Officer Growler, 5-1 Up-A-Point, 6-1 Roxall Clump, 8-1 Classical Quartet, 10-1 Old Eros, 14-1 Chain Shot, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** BLUE BOURBON 4l 2nd to Last 'O' The Bunch at Stratford (2m, good to soft) with ROXALL CLUMP 9l 3rd and CLEO LADY pulling up. OFFICER GROWLER beat Wet You There 13½l at Catterick (2m, good). UP-A-POINT 25l 2nd to impressive My Young Man at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good). CHAIN SHOT 4l 2nd to Gentleman's Jig at Bangor (2m, firm). CLASSICAL QUARTET won Plumpton (2m, good) selling hurdle on penultimate start. OLD EROS 11½l 4th to Dramatic Event in Stratford (2m, good) hurdle latest; fell on latest chasing start at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good to soft). TILDEBO 9l 2nd to Farmer's In at Doncaster (2m 4f, good).

Selection: TILDEBO

**4.30 WATERGALL MAIDEN HURDLE** (Div I: £2,160: 2m 5f) (25 runners)

1 ARM IN ARM (F Gray) F Gray 6-11-2 ..... M Crosse —
2 BOOM TIME (V Barclay) N Henderson 6-11-2 ..... R Dunwoody —
3 53 CELTIC SPORT 108 (BF) (E Eveleigh) P Hobbs 6-11-2 ..... C Maude (3) 91
4 40- EMBARKATION 333 (Three Counties Bloodstock Ltd) F Jordan 5-11-2 ..... J Ledder (3) ● 98
5 000 FELSPAR 86 (D Kacy Flint) P Hayward 5-11-2 ..... Gee Armytage —
6 GREYARK (R Fetera) M Oliver 7-11-2 ..... S Earle —
7 P-20 HARBINGER 96 (Pall-mall Persons) J Gifford 6-11-2 ..... D Murphy 82
8 PP HAZZARD'S BOY 89 (D Hazzard) W G M Turner 6-11-2 ..... B Clifford (7) —
9 6-0 HILL'S HALO 63 (A Rumsey) A Rumsey 5-11-2 ..... N Williamson —
10 504- IMPOUNDED 295 (A Smith) M Charles 7-11-2 ..... Dale McKeown —
11 4 JUST AS I AM 66 (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 5-11-2 ..... A Mulholland 77
12 025-0 LUCKY LANDERS 66 (S Dunster) M Pipe 6-11-2 ..... P Scudamore —
13 0 MARITIME FLY 83 (C Lewis) D Barons 6-11-2 ..... M Perrett —
14 P NORTHERN STEEL 14 (J Wrathall) J Wrathall 5-11-2 ..... S Keightley —
15 03223-5 PLAYPEN 35 (P Tylor) R Frost 7-11-2 ..... J Frost 71
16 0 PRIDE OF NEWLANDS 74 (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-11-2 ..... D Richmond (7) —
17 02 SCOTTISH CLOUD 66 (Lord Cadogan) T Forster 6-11-2 ..... J Railton 85
18 SOLDIER BANK (Mrs J Gilder) R Brotherton 6-11-2 ..... R Bellamy (3) —
19 0-04043 SPRUCER 14 (Affordshire Ltd) Mrs I McKie 6-11-2 ..... J Duggan 82
20 TUMBRIL (R Dill) S Sherwood 5-11-2 ..... J Osborne —
21 0U2 CELTIC DIAMOND 40 (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 6-10-11 ..... S Burrough (5) 89
22 55 KAMAKAZE GIRL 83 (Corkwell Grange Stud Ltd) J Mackie 5-10-11 ..... S J O'Neill 81
23 00 MOON REEF 31 (P M Racing Partnership) C Broad 5-10-11 ..... A Carroll —
24 00FP0U WOODLAND FLOWER 6 (Mrs J Dibben) Mrs R White 6-10-11 ..... R Farrant (7) —
25 66 LAWNSWOOD BOY 68 (A Hill) R Hollinshead 4-10-7 ..... Gary Lyons (5) —

BETTING: 3-1 Emberkation, 9-2 Lucky Landers, 11-2 Scottish Cloud, 6-1 Boom Time, 8-1 Celtic Sport, 10-1 Just As I Am, 12-1 Lawnswood Boy, Pride Of Newlands, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** CELTIC SPORT 5½l 3rd to Southern Supreme at Windsor (2m 5f, good). EMBARKATION useful middle-distance performer on Flat. Highly-rated last season including 19l 4th to Silver King on hurdling debut at Newbury (2m 100yd, heavy). HARBINGER 5l 2nd to Ascot Lad at Devon (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start. JUST AS I AM 15½l 4th to Maestro Paul over 2m (good to soft) here with MOON REEF tailed off. PLAYPEN 10l 2nd to Iamu Zulu at Devon (2m 1f, firm) in April. SCOTTISH CLOUD 10l 3rd to Jungle Knife over 2m (good to soft) here with FELSPAR well-beaten 15th. SPRUCER just over 15l 3rd to Spirit Of Kilrie at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to soft).

Selection: EMBARKATION

**5.0 WATERGALL MAIDEN HURDLE** (Div II: £2,248: 2m 5f) (23 runners)

1 000040 CHEEKY FOX 21 (V) (J Westley) J Bosley 5-11-2 ..... M Bosley 85
2 F6 CHARDSCURO 17 (J Northover) P Hobbs 5-11-2 ..... S Earle —
3 40-2332 COKENNY BOY 12 (BF) (S Hemstock) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2 ..... M Pitman 97
4 2 EVERALDO 33 (M Arbib) N Henderson 7-11-2 ..... R Dunwoody ● 98
5 04 GARSTON LA GAFFE 33 (East Garston Racing) M Bradstock 5-11-2 ..... J White 92
6 0PU-00F GENERAL LEE 90 (R Wilding) R Wilding 11-11-2 ..... T Wall —
7 5002 GLOVE PUPPET 41 (Glove Puppet Partnership) G Balding 6-11-2 ..... J Frost 96
8 0- HIGHGATE MILD 461 (V Dolan) L Codd 6-11-2 ..... R Supple —
9 5 LIGHT VENEER 33 (L Jones) T Casey 6-11-2 ..... K Mooney 90
10 585 NICKLE JOE 38 (Mrs E Tate) M Tate 5-11-2 ..... D Gallagher 87
11 000 NOTHINGBUTPLEASURE 18 (A Wates) T Etherington 5-11-2 ..... J Railton —
12 80000 OCTOBER WINDS 12 (R Hamilton) D Barons 5-11-2 ..... R Greene (5) —
13 OYSTER RIVER (V Barclay) Mrs A Barclay 7-11-2 ..... J Osborne —
14 ROUSING RECEPTION (P Griffith) R Lee 5-11-2 ..... W McFarland —
15 F RUFFINSWICK 40 (Kennet Racing Ltd) P Jones 5-11-2 ..... M Kinane —
16 5 SOUND OF JURA 95 (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 5-11-2 ..... C Llewellyn 86
17 3-000 TAGRED 61 (B) (Mrs C Allen) D Murray Smith 6-11-2 ..... P Verling (5) —
18 044 TRUTH BE TOLD 45 (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 7-11-2 ..... — 94
19 0-0P BANGKOK BOSS 6 (B) (Miss M Sheridan) J Spearing 5-10-11 ..... A Webb —
20 /00/P/P GOOSE GREEN 6 (O Henley) K Wingrove 11-10-11 ..... W Biddlefield —
21 6032 GRAY'S ELLERGY 34 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-10-11 ..... S Powell 91
22 0-00P0P MERRY MARIGOLD 38 (B) (Mrs I Pendoll) J Boyers 5-10-11 ..... G Upton (3) 88
23 000/F-00 PARSONESS 43 (Mrs F Walwyn) Mrs F Walwyn 7-10-11 ..... R Chapman —

BETTING: 5-2 Everaldo, 9-2 Garston La Gaffe, 6-1 Cokenny Boy, 7-1 Glove Puppet, 8-1 Sound Of Jura, 10-1 Truth Be Told, 12-1 Gray's Ellergy, 14-1 Light Veneer, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** COKENNY BOY 7l 2nd to Vodka Fizz at Folkestone (2m 100yd, good to soft). EVERALDO promising 2l 2nd to Springaleak at Towcester (2m, good) with COKENNY BOY 5l 3rd, GARSTON LA GAFFE 11½l 4th and LIGHT VENEER 25l 5th. GLOVE PUPPET 31½l 2nd to Riverside Boy at Wolverhampton (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). NICKLE JOE faced stiff task when 32l 5th to Ruling at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good). SOUND OF JURA 10½l 6th to Cowden Cottage over course and distance (good). TRUTH BE TOLD 7l 4th to Grannillawaterford at Kempton (2m 4f, good). GRAY'S ELLERGY 12l 2nd to Monsignard at Nottingham (2m 6f, good to soft).

Selection: EVERALDO (nap)

## LINGFIELD PARK

### Selections

By Mandarin

1.40 Tracy's Prince. 2.10 Kanooz. 2.40 Pesidanamich. 3.10 Cathos. 3.40 Russian Red. 4.10 Amenable. 4.40 Inswinger.

By Thunderer

1.40 Tracy's Prince. 2.10 Inferring. 2.40 Pacific Rim. 3.10 Altobelli. 3.40 Super Morning. 4.10 Sarum. 4.40 Halvoya.

**Going: standard** SIS

**Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers best**

**1.40 VASCO DA GAMA MAIDEN STAKES** (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,369: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1 0633 BLAZING FEN 10 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ..... Alex Greaves (3) 7
2 2-54 CASTCAREAWAY 17 (B) C Austin 9-0 ..... B Doyle (7) 3
3 DOBBER W Jarvis 9-0 ..... M Tebbutt 5
4 06-3 LUKE AKURA 6 M Johnston 9-0 ..... R P Elliott 2
5 MUNTONIAK (IE) C Britain 9-0 ..... A Munro 8
6 550- TRACY'S PRINCE 167 (BF) B Hills 9-0 ..... Dean McKeown 1
7 60 HUSH KATIE 19 J Pearce 8-9 ..... S Dawson 6
8 6 PEGGY SPARE 17 Miss B Sanders 8-9 ..... W Newnes 4

10-11 Tracy's Prince, 3-1 Castcareaway, 5-1 Luke Akura, 8-1 Muntoniak, 12-1 Blazing Fen, 14-1 others.

**2.10 VASCO DA GAMA MAIDEN STAKES** (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,369: 1m 2f) (7)

1 09-3 FALDO 11 P Kelleway 9-0 ..... A Munro 6
2 4-32 INFERRING 28 (E) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 ..... B Crossley 4
3 4-22 KANOOZ 16 (B,BF) M Prescott 9-0 ..... G Duffield 5
4 000- WEEKDAY CROSS 88 W Jarvis 9-0 ..... M Tebbutt 1
5 080- BYE BYE BABY 117 S Dow 8-9 ..... W Ryan 7
6 06- GLOW OF SUMMER 180 M Bell 8-9 ..... J Williams 2
7 0-05 MISS KATANGA 32 J Old 8-9 ..... R Fox 3

11-10 Faldo, 3-1 Kanooz, 5-1 Inferring, 10-1 Bye Bye Baby, 12-1 Miss Katanga. 14-1 others.

**2.40 COOK CLAIMING STAKES** (3-Y-O: £2,542: 7f) (7)

1 1232 ABLE JET 14 (B,C,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 9-7 A Munro 1
2 21-1 PACIFIC RIM 62 W O'Gorman 9-7 ..... Emma O'Gorman (5) 3
3 1221 PESIDANAMICH 11 (B,CD,S) T Barron 9-5 ..... Alex Greaves (3) 7
4 MISS BROUGHTON W Musson 8-10 ..... A Mackay 5
5 00-1 DOROTHEUM 10 (C) M Muggeridge 8-8 R Meggeridge 4
6 0-05 BUSINESS AS USUAL 4 (V,CF) J Scargill 7-13 ..... S Wood (3) 5
7 0-23 MING COURT 10 S Dow 7-12 ..... T Williams 2

5-4 Pacific Rim, 5-2 Pesidanamich, 5-1 Dorotheum, Ming Court, 10-1 Able Jet, 20-1 others.

### Course specialists

TRAINERS: B Hills, 12 from 29, 41.4%; G Balding 4 from 12, 33.3%; M Prescott 7 from 24, 29.2%; W O'Gorman 10 from 36, 28.3%; J Akehurst 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Johnston 6 from 28, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman 8 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%; Dean McKeown 12 from 58, 20.3%; S O'Gorman 12 from 59, 20.3%; R P Elliott 5 from 25, 20.0%; Alex Greaves 5 from 26, 19.2%; B Doyle 5 from 30, 16.7%

**3.10 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN SPURS CHALLENGE HANDICAP** (Amateurs: £2,458: 1m 5f) (10)

1 8-34 CATHOS 32 (CD,F,G,S) D Wilson 5-12-0 ..... Elaine Bronson 5
2 0020 MIGHTY GLOW 18 (V,F) C Tinkler 7-11-5 ..... S Astaire 3
3 00-5 KOVALEVSKIA 82 (C,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-10-13 ..... A Ferrant 10
4 05-0 INDIAN FLUTE 10 W Musson 4-10-12 ..... Jody Musson 5
5 000- PHARDAH'S GUEST 21J J Akehurst 4-10-10 ..... E Reitel 7
6 00-0 ALTOBELLI 14 (CD,F) P Mitchell 7-10-10 ..... R Teal 1
7 0-22 BORSANA 19 (D) J Spearing 5-10-5 ..... Teresa Spearing 6
8 000- ZEPHYR WINDS 13J (V) A Hide 4-10-5 ..... Lucy Hide 9
9 33-0 OMOROS 14 M Fetherston-Godley 4-10-1 ..... S Edwards 4
10 000- FLONDA GOLD 35J (F) D Wilson 4-10-0 ..... Miss Sarah Fennant 2

11-4 Altobelli, 7-2 Mighty Glow, 4-1 Borsana, 6-1 Cathos, 8-1 Indian Flute, 10-1 Kovalevskia, 12-1 others.

**3.40 LIVINGSTONE HANDICAP** (£3,153: 1m 2f) (6)

1 -124 DR MACCARTER 6 (V,CD,BF) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 ..... Emma O'Gorman (5) 2
2 000- MONASTERY 146 (E,D,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 5-9-12 ..... B Crossley 3
3 1126 SUPER MORNING 42 (CD,BF,S) G Balding 5-9-4 ..... J Williams 5
4 -115 RUSSIAN RED 14 (CD,BF) W Wightman 4-8-6 ..... Paul Eddery 1
5 634- DEADLOCK 31J D Elsworth 4-8-5 ..... J Hunter (7) 4
6 23-3 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 17 (F) J Spearing 4-8-2 ..... A Munro 6

7-4 Lawnswood Junior, 7-2 Super Morning, 4-1 Russian Red, 5-1 Dr Maccarter, 10-1 Deadlock, 12-1 Monastery.

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# Williams team back on the right track

**With the Formula One grand prix season opening in Phoenix on Sunday, Norman Howell examines the challenge of the Williams team, led by Nigel Mansell**

As his two cars line up on the starting grid in Phoenix on Sunday, Frank Williams may look back with satisfaction on the 15 years he has been in the forefront of Formula One racing, winning 44 races and the world title four times.

Then again, being the man he is, he is more likely to be looking to the coming season, one in which he seems finally to have a fighting chance to challenge for the constructors' championship *and* the drivers' title.

By his own exacting standards, last season was lacklustre, and although his team finished second in 1989, he was only seventh in 1988. This was after winning two consecutive titles, in 1986 and 1987, powered by the Honda turbo engine. Then Honda took off and went to McLaren, and Williams stop-gapped with a Judd engine. Renault came along for the 1989 season and the British-French partnership has been improving with every race.

In the middle of all these ups and downs, Williams had a trauma that would shatter most people's lives. Driving back from a test session in southern France, on March 8, 1986, he crashed his car, and he is now confined to a wheelchair. It shattered his life, of course, and his wife's account of the tragedy in her recently-published book brings tears to the eyes.

But Williams has always made light of the whole affair, pointing out that he is still a privileged man: "Others would have lost their job," he says. "Nobody can sack me. And I am still doing what I love best: going racing every other Sunday."

He still runs the team, together with his long-time partner, Patrick Head, the technical director. Williams is the only team boss who still seems to enjoy the grit of the sport: he is a common sight in the pits, where he follows the race through headphones and the time monitors, and he is just as likely to pop up in more unexpected places.



Williams: a fighting chance

For instance, you'll see him at the bottom of Eau Rouge, at Spa, at the end of the straight where the cars must climb the hill, the drivers' necks and spine taking a fearful beating, before swinging left, then right over the brow of the hill: it's a connoisseur's spot. Or in Hungary, where he watches the race from behind his motorhome in the paddock.

His disability weighs him down. By the time race day comes, his eyes are that much redder and he is less inclined to shoot the breeze with the hangers-on in the pits. It is as if what little physical energy he can muster is directed, together with his huge mental resources, on his cars on the track, willing them to win.

It has been some time since all the ingredients at Williams were right. The skill is not so much in the ingredients, but in how and in what proportion they are used. Last year, the engine was good, the chassis maybe less so, the drivers drove to their potential and the race team leadership seemed a bit preoccupied as it was by trying to sign Jean Alesi, Nigel Mansell, Ayrton Senna and finally Mansell again.

Now the Renault engine seems excellent; the dolphin-nosed chassis and semi-automatic gearbox look like winners; Mansell could sneak the world title from under Senna's nose; and Williams himself, freed by the need to sign a top driver, should be able to devote his energies to getting the team to win races.

Williams is bullish on his prospects: "I think this year's car is a big step forward for us, especially if compared with last year's. It's a little smaller, and it's quite conventional, but the big difference is in the gearbox, which is a semi-automatic six-speed unit."

Williams admits the gearbox is similar to Ferrari's, except that at Williams the concentration is more on the hydraulics than on the electronics, something that let down the Italians in the early part of last season. "The point still is that drivers can change a little faster and can keep both hands on the steering wheel when tackling bends," Williams says.

It may be coincidence that Mansell is back at Williams after two years at Ferrari, where he practically tested from scratch the John Barnard-designed revolutionary push-button gearbox.

Williams acknowledges his contribution in an amusingly understated way: "I am pleased to welcome Nigel home. He was here for four years before going to Ferrari. And that was quite an education for him, a sort of finishing school. He is now more mature, very determined, constructive and has a sense of humour, too."

More seriously, Williams admits that Mansell has been putting the team under pressure: "He knows he hasn't much time to win a world title. So he has been pushing us to build him a winning car and a title-winning team."

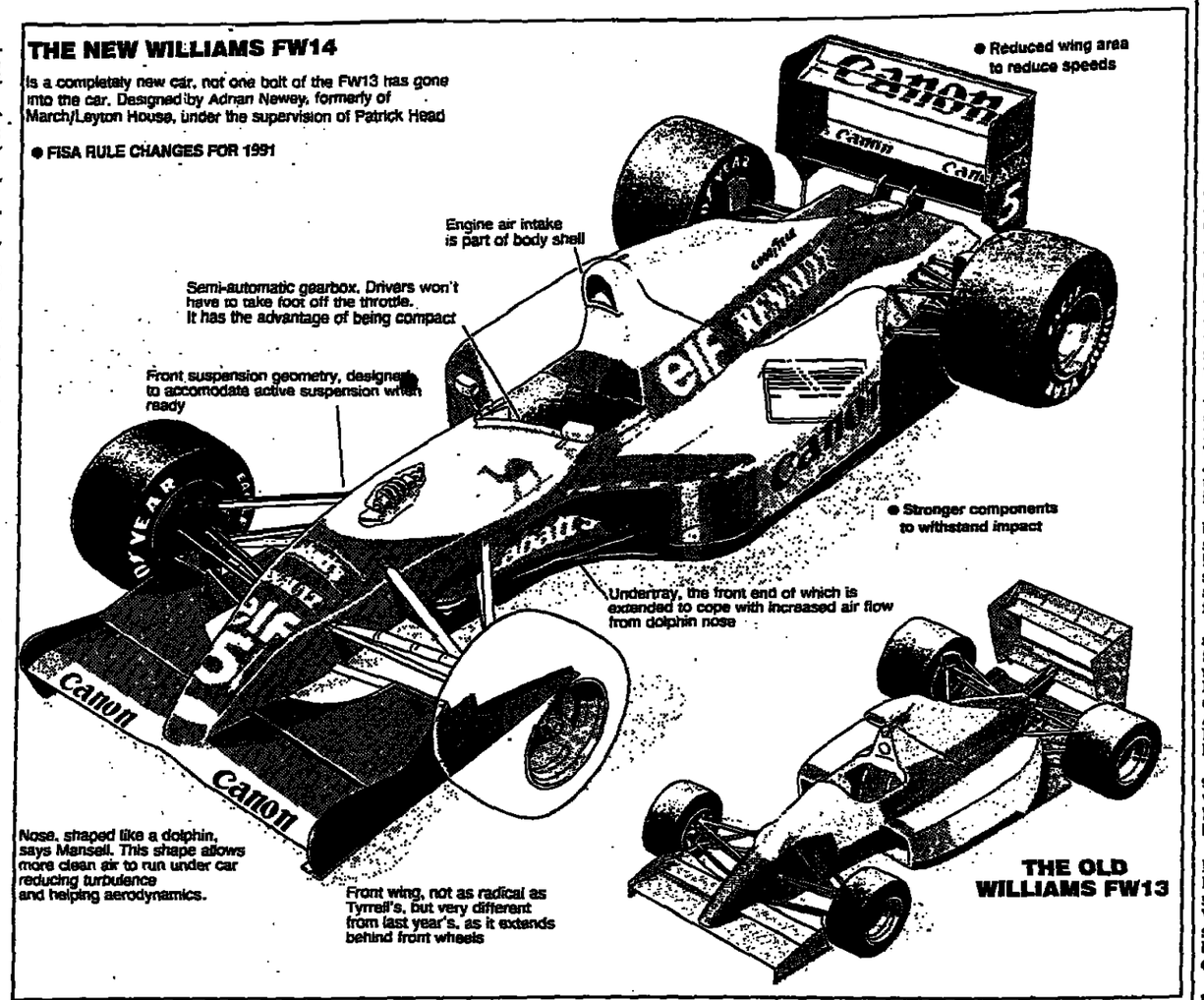
Mansell seems to have sharpened up at Ferrari, and he gives the impression of wanting to be more involved in the running of the team. He is eager to race the new car, although he is worried about reliability, an aspect of grand prix racing which has often conspired against him.

"We have a new car, quite radical in concept, a new gearbox and a new engine. All of it late, so I am a little pessimistic about all of these new elements not letting me down. Still the proof is in the pudding," Mansell says. "I am sure everything will be all right on the day. I have won 13 races in cars designed by Patrick. There is no reason why I can't do as well this year."

The team is certainly ready for a title. Riccardo Patrese, the No. 2 driver, will be a steady team-mate for Mansell, who is not good at living with those who threaten his pre-eminence. Another steadying hand will be that of Peter Windsor, the new team manager. He has long been associated with Williams and now the whole team seems balanced and eager to win.

Above all, it is British, and Mansell, like so many British sportsmen who try their fortune in foreign fields, never liked being away from home. His "comfort zone" (being able to understand all that is said around him), as he calls it, allied with the sagacity of Williams, the efforts of Head and Renault and the organisational skills of Winsdor, should cocoon him in the perfect environment for him to drive to his best.

Williams has also given him the official No. 1 slot, something that he has never had. It means he has, among other things, total priority on the spare car. More than that, Frank Williams can't do. The rest is up to the driver.




**BOXING**

## Murphy aiming for early finish

By SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

APART from exceptional boxers like Pat Cowdell, few British champions have won the Lonsdale Belt outright without a hard contest.

While most candidates would like to make the £3,500 belt their own with as easy a third and final bout as possible, Sean Murphy, the British featherweight champion, would feel unfulfilled if his opponent did not give him a fight for his life for that third notch.

Murphy should not go home to St Albans disappointed tonight for Gary Deroux, of Peterborough, should give him a torrid time at the London Arena. Both men have been on the floor and both know what it is like to deck an opponent.

Nine of Deroux's 12 wins have come inside the distance so, when the challenger starts to land, Murphy should begin to sense a nice warm feeling of anticipation of a good old fashioned set-to.

It should be a blood-and-guts affair, both certainly coming from Murphy. But nothing annoys Murphy's trainer, Ernie Fossey, more than to be told the obvious — that Murphy bleeds. As one of the best cuts men in Britain, Fossey says he knows his "bleeding business".

"I know, I know," Fossey said. "But it looks worse on a white face on a ginger-haired kid. Murphy's never yet been beaten on cuts.

"He was cut against John Doherty and he flattened John Doherty, sparko, didn't he? The same with Johnny B. Good. What do you want me to do, stop him being exciting? On heart, he would be a world champion."

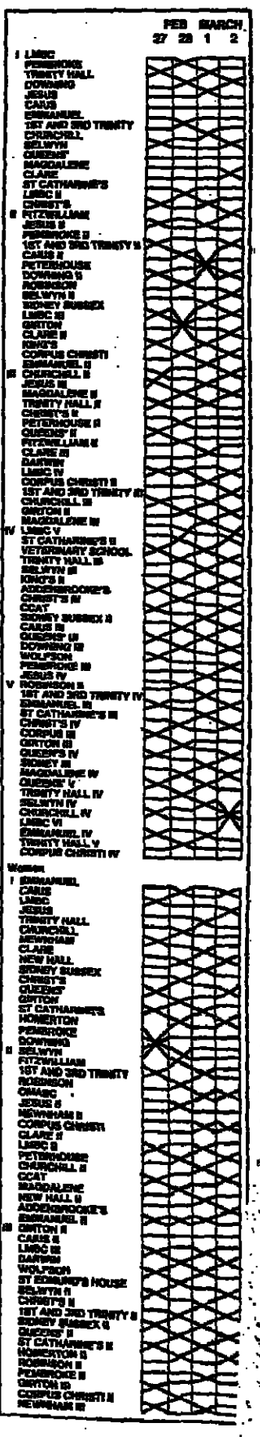
Fossey admits that Deroux has a damaging punch but counters: "They say he has a good punch but they are the ones easy to catch." He also pointed out that Deroux, the Southern Area champion, failed to capitalise on a big punch when he moved up a class. Patrick Kamy, of Uganda, disposed of him in four rounds.

Murphy is better technically than Deroux but, to prevent his face being cut to pieces, he is likely to go all out early on to stop the challenger from going to work on his face. If Murphy is unsuccessful, it could all depend on Fossey's "isoponning" job in the corner.

**ROWING**

## Emmanuel share honours

TRINITY Hall finished head of the river in the men's divisions of the Cambridge University Lent races. Emmanuel were the leading women's crew.




**ICE HOCKEY**

## Wasps get Pirates warning

By a CORRESPONDENT

DURHAM Wasps clinched their fourth Heineken League title with double-figure weekend wins over Fife Flyers and Whitley Warriors.

Paul Smith, the Wasps player-coach, is cock-a-hoop with his team's performance. He said: "They've done us proud to win the Norwich Union Cup and now the League. The decks are now clear to go for the "grand slam."

The jubilant coach was referring to the Heineken championship, for which the play-offs start shortly. However, Peterborough Pirates may have something to say about that.

Pirates, runners-up, have shown remarkable late season form, thanks to the excellent coaching of Rocky Saganiuk and the scoring skills of Trent Kaese.

Kaese was instrumental in Pirates' weekend wins as he scored four times against 13-8 losers Cardiff Devils, with Danny Shea and the Great Britain international Dean Edmiston each scoring three times. The sharpshooter (Kaese) bettered his performance against third placed Murrayfield Racers with seven goals as Pirates beat them 10-6, despite Tony Hand's replying five times.

Disappointed at losing the League race, Seganiuk consoles himself with the forthcoming Heineken championships, saying. "We'll be at Wembley. It is imperative to this team that we get there. When we do, we'll meet Durham and then we will see, this team isn't about one player, I've got a great set of British players to call on."

While Wasps and Pirates march on, the former Heineken champions, Fife Flyers, have dropped like a stone to the bottom of the League. Flyers, beaten 11-5 by Wasps, followed that with a 13-5 defeat at the hands of Ayr Raiders and now face the prospect of a play-off to retain premier division status.

Humberside Seahawks have proved themselves as runaway leaders in the first division and are within a point of winning the League title. They hit Medway Bears for six in the last period on Saturday, beating them 10-5 in numerals before returning home to overcome Romford Raiders 7-4.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr 8, Whitley 5; Cardiff 8, Peterborough 13; Fife 5, Durham 11; Nottingham 6, Cleveland 3; Solihull 3, Murrayfield 11; Cleveland 6, Solihull 10; Fife 5, Ayr 13; Nottingham 8, Cardiff 7; Peterborough 10, Murrayfield 6; Whitley 8, Durham 12. First division: Glasgow 6, Romford 16; Medway 5, Humberside 10; Slough 6, Basingstoke 3; Swindon 6, Telford 13; Trafford 7, Lee Valley 1; Basingstoke 10, Telford 8; Bracknell 8, Medway 9; Glasgow 9, Lee Valley 8; Humberside 7, Romford 4; Trafford 5, Swindon 7. English League: Sheffield 13, Chelmsford 12; Sunderland 3, Oxford 6; Blackburn 4, Oxford 10; Chelmsford 27, Sheffield 2; Haringey 2, Milton Keynes 12.

**RUGBY UNION**

## England selection provides clue to World Cup squad

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IN A gesture more of reintegration than any other immediate purpose, England yesterday announced an enlarged squad of 25 to prepare for the grand slam match against France at Twickenham on March 16. The two Wasps, Chris Oti and Steve Bates, with John Hall, of Bath, and Gary Rees, of Nottingham, have been added to the match squad of 21 that returned from Dublin with the triple crown at the weekend.

The squad will train together in London on Sunday, as will the B squad that faces French opposition at Bristol on March 15. However, there is little prospect of any amendment to the XV which beat Ireland 16-7 and certainly not from the four players added to the squad, of whom Hall and Rees are fighting for places in the back row, a particularly effective area of the present match XV.

Oti (ruptured Achilles tendon) and Bates (knee ligaments) have both recovered from long-term injuries, but are not yet match-fit. Oti has one second-team game for Wasps to his credit since September and Bates returned to the first XV against Coventry last weekend. Of the two, Bates is more likely to win a place in the league game against Bath on Saturday.

The announcement is, though, an indication of the likely composition of the World Cup party, particularly in the light of England's disappointing showing in the B international with Ireland on Friday.

The Irish have now beaten England at schools, universities, under-21 and B level within the last 12 months, which must give their selectors cause for great optimism, even though their senior side could not do the trick on Saturday.

All the members of the England B side beaten 24-10 are named again for the encounter with France — which at least argues consistency — but to the squad have been added two more Wasps, Alan Buzza and Sean O'Leary, and Adedayo Adebayo, the Bath wing, who would have played last Friday but for injury.

If any change were to be made to England's senior side, a case could be argued for the inclusion of Simon Halliday. If the playing policy is not to utilise Jeremy Guscott's running skills, leaving physique and tackling to become the main criteria, then Halliday could be the man to put in against a French midfield that includes Franck Mesnel and Philippe Sella.

The Scottish and Irish selectors will sit down this evening to choose teams for their match at Murrayfield on March 16, having digested the lessons of last weekend. Ian McGeechan, the Scottish coach, watched the triple crown match on video and is in little doubt that England possess potentially a better side than the 1980 team.

"England can play any game they want," he said. "That's as good an England side as I've ever seen.

"They have decided on a no-frills game because they don't want to let any other side into the game."

### ENGLAND PARTIES

ENGLAND SQUAD: Backs: S D Hodgkinson (Nottingham), J M Webb (Bath), N J Heslop (Orrell), C Oti (Wasps), R Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins), J C Guscott (Bath), S J Halliday (Harlequins), C R Andrew (Wasps), S M Bates (Wasps), R J Hill (Bath), C D Morris (Orrell). Forwards: J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), C J Olver (Northampton), J A Probyn (Wasps), P A G Rendall (Wasps), P J Ackford (Harlequins), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), J P Hall (Bath), M G Skinner (Harlequins), M C Teague (Gloucester), G W Rees (Nottingham), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester).

ENGLAND B SQUAD: Backs: A Buzza (Wasps), J Lilley (Leicester), A Adebayo (Bath), I Hunter (Northampton), T Underwood (Leicester), J Buckton (Saracens), P de Glanville (Bath), G Thompson (Harlequins), D Pears (Harlequins), M Streit (Orrell), A Kardooni (Leicester), R Ilton (Llanelli). Forwards: G Holmes (Wasps), G Pearce (Northampton), T Rees (Rugby), G Dawe (Bath), K Dunn (Gloucester), S Dear (Rosslyn Park), S O'Leary (Wasps), N Redman (Bath), D Ryan (Wasps), N Back (Leicester), B Clarke (Saracens), T Rodber (Northampton).

## Waldron remains confident

By OWEN JENKINS

RON Waldron, the Wales team manager, may be disappointed over his side's record 36-3 defeat by France in Paris on Saturday but he is not too despondent.

Now that Wales have concluded their five nations' championship, Waldron and his co-selectors must turn their attentions to the Welsh tour of Australia this summer.

"France are prepared to play any type of game," Waldron said. "We hope to achieve a situation where we can play a game of French dimension. I still believe there is talent in Welsh rugby. The problem is, it is coming through too young."

Of his critics, he said: "I ignore them; it doesn't affect me. The pressures are always there whether you are fighting to survive or winning all your matches. The only way to answer criticism is to achieve success. Even if someone else was in charge, there would be very few changes in the squad."

● Emyr Lewis has passed a fitness test on a damaged knee and plays in Llanelli's Schweppes Cup sixth-round match at Pontypridd tonight.

● Donal Lenihan, the Ireland lock forward, will play his first game in four months for Cork Constitution against NIFC at Ormeau, Belfast, on Saturday.

## Dossett gets call to meet Welsh

By DAVID HANDS

THE English Universities, who had victory snatched from their grasp by the Irish Universities in Dublin on Friday, have introduced Chris Dossett, the Loughborough full back, for their rearranged game against the Welsh Universities at Newbridge tomorrow.

The only other changes to the side beaten 17-16 at College Park move Ian Pickup, the captain, to flanker and Craig Barrow to lock forward.

Against the Irish, the English students scored three tries to two, but lost to Keith McGarry's second penalty with only a minute left. McGarry's success gave the Irish an unbeaten season at this level, while the English have two more bites at the cherry — against the Welsh and the Scottish, whom they will meet on March 13.

The British Polytechnics will play their second match of the season tomorrow, against British Colleges at Morley, with the two Oxford Polytechnic members of the XV waiting to hear whether their semi-final of the knockout competition must be replayed. Oxford beat Coventry 11-7 at Keele last week in a match abbreviated to just over an hour because of Coventry's late arrival.

However, Coventry appealed on the grounds that they did not know of a late change in the venue, and the competition organisers accepted the appeal, only for Oxford to state that they, too, would appeal against the new decision.

The English Students, who play the French Students at US Portsmouth on March 15, will field the XV selected for the postponed game against Scottish Students last month. The French gained a convincing win over the Welsh Students in Poitiers on Friday.

## Trent take honours

TRENT College defeated Barnard Castle 16-12 in a thrilling final to the North of England invitation schools sevens at Birkenhead Park on Sunday (Michael Stevenson writes).

Two tries by the speedy Thompson, one converted by Smith, put Trent in command but Munnery's try, which Hutchinson converted, cut the lead to 10-6 at the interval.

When Ballantyne made a second try for Munnery, Hutchinson's conversion nudged Barnard Castle ahead. Trent, however, were determined to have the final say and Tyack scored the winning try, which Smith converted.

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# Arsenal's title doddle makes exclusive viewing

By PETER BARNARD

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN REVIEW

THERE are certain images one carries around like so much baggage, some of them as heavy as sadness, others as light as a smile.

In the latter category I carry the image of Kenny Dalglish, standing by the dug-out at Anfield two years ago, the top half of his body tilted slightly forward, his mouth hanging open and his eyes carrying the look of a man who has picked eight draws out of nine but put the coupon in his other trousers and sent them to Sketchley. That was the night on which Arsenal, needing to win by two goals to clinch the championship, did just that, thanks to Michael Thomas in injury time.

That was the only time I have fallen off a chair without the assistance of alcohol, a consequence of my arms and my legs being propelled towards the ceiling simultaneously. It was unbelievable, Brian, though of course winning 2-0 at Anfield was a formality when you came to apply hindsight. Never in doubt. A doddle. Still, there were those of us among the faithful who had entertained the remote possibility that through some terrible swindle, some appalling injustice, the team might lose, or not win by enough.

The match was live on television. Twenty years earlier, I could not fall off a chair because I was pacing up and down the room, listening to a radio commentary, when Arsenal played the last League game of the season at Tottenham having to win, or draw 0-0, in order to clinch the first half of the double. They did it with a goal two minutes from the end by Ray Kennedy. Never in doubt. A doddle.

You will realise from these two enormous bursts of excitement compressed into 20 years that when it comes to stress, I know what Dalglish is on about. The fact that he cracked before me is not a matter for gloating, after all he is a younger man who has yet to learn the trick of pacing himself. But the absence of Dalglish from the touchline on Sunday's *The Match* made the Liverpool-Arsenal game something less than the event it might have been.

I switched on in some dread. Tell a lie, I would have switched on in some dread. The cause of this dread got the better of me before the match started, so I rang up Trevor East, the programme's editor, in order that I could get some sleep on the night before the game. You cannot take on Liverpool without sleep. "Er . . . . is Dalglish going to be in the commentatory box?" I said. "No" he said, sounding like a man who wished he could say yes. "It'll be Ian St John and Gary Lineker."

Oh no, not the Ian St John who used to play for Liverpool. Not him? Couldn't be. That one had black hair and wore a No. 9. The St John who appeared on Sunday is greying and wears a suit. What a relief. Lineker, of Tottenham, was there too, a nice man who talks about the game intelligently, a man who deserves better than having to play for the worst team in north London.

I see from the business section, where they cover Tottenham these days, that Lineker might be sold to a bank soon. I think that is what it said. This would explain why the governor of the Bank of England has been seen at White Hart Lane wearing a flat cap and a creased raincoat with a roll-your-own jammed into his mouth. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the only double barrelled scout in football.

Of course the match on Sunday was just another minor hurdle on the road to the championship. St John tried the kiss of death technique by tipping Arsenal to win and ITV tried to distract my attention by promising an "exclusive interview" with Peter Beardsley at half-time.

This turned out to fit the usual definition of exclusive: nobody else could possibly have wanted it. The interview sounded like a script read-through for *Neighbours*: Beardsley's wife Sandra is still talking to Dalglish's wife Marina, who lives two doors away, contrary to tabloid stories of a "rift" caused by the fact that Marina's husband Kenny had not of late seen fit to pick Sandra's husband Peter. Riveting.

Beardsley said Sandra was so upset by the gossip she could not bring herself to leave the house to watch Sunday's match, even though Sandra's husband was playing. Fascinating. More likely, shrewd old Sandra had a fair idea what the outcome was going to be.

Certainly Beardsley seemed numb after half-time: perhaps he watched the interview on the dressing-room television set. Unless he and the other Liverpool players were exhausted from George Graham's tactic of letting his goalkeeper play Liverpool single-handed throughout the first half, in order to wear them out. It worked, never in any doubt, a doddle. Phew.

# Lloyd prefers Pickard in Davis Cup role

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Lloyd, the former British tennis No. 1, has endorsed the widely held view that Tony Pickard should succeed Warren Jacques as Davis Cup captain.

Pickard, who has guided Stefan Edberg to two Wimbledon titles and to the No. 1 ranking in the world, has been kept firmly at arm's length by the Lawn Tennis Association over the past decade — but for too long, Lloyd said yesterday.

"Pickard was by far the best Davis Cup captain I played under and I would appoint him to do the job," Lloyd said from his home in California. "He has a knack of inspiring players and the LTA need highly-motivated people like that. Believe me, there are very few of them around."

But, he added, if Pickard could be persuaded to return to his old role as Davis Cup captain, he would need to be given wider powers than Jacques, who was dismissed just over two weeks ago after three-and-a-half years as men's international team director.

"If Tony was part of a real tennis revolution, had some say in the development of players from grass-roots level and some real power, then I think he might get excited about it and want to do the job."

Lloyd, aged 36, feels that the Davis Cup captain should work 12 weeks a year, preparing the team for matches and working closely with a full-time head of British men's tennis to develope future Davis Cup players.

That sort of restricted role could appeal to Pickard, who has been hurt more than he might care to admit by being left out in the cold by the LTA.

He is no longer travelling full-time with Edberg and has no rival commitments during Davis Cup rounds. However, whether, at the age of 55, he still needs the challenge of revitalising Britain's tennis fortunes is difficult to judge.

Lloyd himself has his supporters, among them the British Nos. 1 and 2, Jeremy Bates and Nick Brown, but, like Pickard, he would need firm evidence of a change of attitude within the LTA before he would consider swapping a successful and lucrative career in Los Angeles as coach to Catarina Lindqvist, and as the No. 1 player on the over-35s circuit, for the overwhelming problems of British tennis.

"It is one of my ambitions to become Davis Cup captain," Lloyd said. "It's a very prestigious job and I'd love to get involved, but no one has offered it to me and if they did, I would only do it under certain conditions.

"I would have to be working with people I had respect for and we would have to start all over again, root out all those who are simply not good enough and change the system. It's no good just having the same old faces.

"My feeling is that the LTA won't want to do that. I will guarantee that the people in line for the jobs are the people working for them right now. They might try to camouflage it, but basically their hands are tied. It's been the same for the last 20 years. I know that from my own experiences."

The LTA has spoken to Pickard, though whether just to ask his advice or to offer him a job is not clear, and, with Britain's zonal tie against Poland in early May, hope to announce a new captain within a fortnight.



Lloyd: leading players' choice

## OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

# Milan find peak form at just the right time

By PETER ROBINSON

AC MILAN, the European champions, could barely have peaked at a more opportune moment. With their European Cup meeting with Marseilles looming in midweek, Milan served notice on Sunday of what lies in store for the ambitious French club with a 4-1 romp over Naples in the San Siro.

Italian league champions last year but trailing among the also-rans this season, Naples had no answer to a Milan inspired by Ruud Gullit, the Dutch international.

After being gifted a 21st-minute lead by Ferrara's own goal, Milan went further ahead when Gullit scored a second after 41 minutes. His compatriot, Rijkaard, added a third three minutes before the hour and Donadoni completed their tally ten minutes later. Incocciati netted the Naples consolation.

Milan's win lifted them to within a point of the joint leaders, neighbours Internazionale and Sampdoria. Inter's 1-0 success at Pisa, courtesy of Berti's headed goal, took them above Sampdoria on goal difference. The Genoese club managed only a 1-1 draw at Atalanta, with Caniggia, of Argentina, equalising for the home side after Katanec, the Yugoslav, had scored.

Marseilles beat second-placed Monaco 1-0 to extend their lead in the French first division, but there was controversy as the internationals, Eric Cantona and Jean Tigana, were dropped for the Milan game after refusing to be substitutes at the weekend.

In Spain, allegations over match-fixing involving the game between Seville and Real Betis, which Seville won 3-2, overshadowed the first appearance of Barcelona since the sudden illness of their manager, Johan Cruyff. Barcelona beat Tenerife 1-0 in the Nou Camp with a goal by Stoichkov, the Bulgarian forward.

PSV Eindhoven, managed by Bobby Robson, strengthened their hold on the Dutch first division with a 6-0 trouncing of fallen giants, Feyenoord. Romario, the Brazilian forward, scored four times — the first within a minute of the kick-off.

## OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

**ARGENTINE:** Estudiantes de la Plata 1, Ferro Carril Oeste 0; Velez Sarsfield 3, Deportivo Español 1; Lanus 1, River Plate 1; Talleres 2, Chaco For Ever 1; Racing Club 0, Independiente 0; Boca Juniors 2, Huracan 0; Newell's Old Boys 3, Argentinos Juniors 1; San Lorenzo 0, Platense 0.

**BELGIAN:** St Trulden 1, Beerschot 1; Anderlecht 1, Lierse 0; Ghent 1, Charleroi 1; FC Liège 4, Standard Liège 2; Antwerp 1, Waregem 0; Cercle Brugge 1, Molenbeek 1; Lotaren 0, Mechelen 1; Kortrijk 2, Club Brugge 2; Ekaren 2, Genk 0.

**BRAZILIAN:** Palmeiras 2, Goias 1; Corinthians 1, Vasco da Gama 0; Bragantino 1, Internacional/Rio Grande do Sul 1; São Paulo 2, Atlético Paranaense 1; Fluminense 2, Gremio 0; Botafogo 0, Bahia 0; Cruzeiro Mineiro 0, Vitoria 0; Sport 0, Atlético Mineiro 0. Leading positions (after five matches): 1, Botafogo, 7pts; 2, Internacional/Rio Grande do Sul, 7; 3, Atlético Paranaense, 6.

**DUTCH:** PSV Eindhoven 6, Feyenoord 0; Ajax 1, FC Groningen 1; Vitesse Arnhem 2, Willem II Tilburg 0; Den Haag 1, Volendam 3; RKC Waalwijk 3, NEC Nijmegen 0; Sparta Rotterdam 1, Twente Enschede 3; SVV Schiedam 2, Fortuna Sittard 0; Heerenveen 1, MVV Maastricht 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 19, 31pts; 2, FC Groningen, 19, 27; 3, Ajax, 17, 26.

**FRENCH:** Auxerre 3, Toulon 0; Bordeaux 2, St Etienne 1; Caen 1, Brest 2; Lille 0, Sochaux 1; Lyons 0, Nancy 1; Metz 2, Rennes 0; Nantes 2, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Toulouse 2, Cannes 2; Marseilles 1, Monaco 0; Nice 2, Montpellier 0. Leading positions: 1, Marseilles, played 29, 43pts; 2, Monaco, 29, 37; 3, Auxerre, 29, 35.

**GERMAN (West):** SV Hamburg 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Kaiserslautern 3; Borussia Dortmund 2, Karlsruhe 2; Hertha Berlin 0, VfB Stuttgart 2; Bayern Munich 0, St Pauli 1; Nuremberg 1, Bayer Leverkusen 0; Cologne 0, VfL Bochum 0; Waltershedd 0, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Werder Bremen 1. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, played 19, 29pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 19, 25; 3, Kaiserslautern, 18, 24.

**GREEK:** Athinaikos 1, AEK Athens 0; Apollon Kalamarias 2, Panionios 2; Aris Salonika 0, Xanthi 0; Levadiakos 1, Doxa Drama 1; Olympiakos 2, Larissa 0; OFI Crete 5, Ionikos 3; Panachaiki 3, Panathinaikos 2; Panserraikos 0, Iraklis 0; PAOK Salonika 4, PAS Ioannina 1. Leading positions (after 21 matches): 1, Panathinaikos, 33pts; 2, Olympiakos, 29; 3, AEK Athens, 27.

**ITALIAN:** Atalanta 1, Sampdoria 1; Cesena 3, Bologna 2; Genoa 3, Bari 1; Lazio 1, Juventus 0; Lecce 1, AS Roma 1; AC Milan 4, Naples 1; Parma 1, Fiorentina 0; Pisa 0, Internazionale 1; Torino 1, Cagliari 1. Leading positions (after 23 matches): 1, Internazionale, 33pts; 2, Sampdoria, 32; 3, Milan, 32.

**LUXEMBOURG:** Red Boys Differdange 2, Swift Hesperange 4; CS Grevenmacher 1, Aris Bonnevoie 0; Fola Esch 0, Spora Luxembourg 3; Avenir Beggen 1, Jeunesse Esch 3; Union Luxembourg 2, Progres Niederkorn 1. Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Union Luxembourg, 30pts; 2, Jeunesse Esch, 24; 3, Spora Luxembourg, 23.

**PORTUGUESE:** Benfica 2, Belenenses 0; Beira Mar 1, Setubalense 1; Sporting Braga 1, Famalicão 0; Chaves 4, Vitoria Setubal 3; Farense 2, Vitoria Guimaraes 0; Gil Vicente 0, Penafiel 0; CS Maritimo 1, Boavista 1; Sporting Clube de Portugal 1, Estrela da Amadora 0; Tirsense 3, Nacional Madeira 1; Porto 5, Uniao Madeira 0. Leading positions (after 25 matches): 1, Benfica, 44pts; 2, Porto, 44pts; 3, Sporting Clube de Portugal, 39.

**ROMANIAN:** Politehnica Timisoara 2, Farul Constanta 4; SC Bacau 2, Rapid Bucharest 1; Petrolul Ploiesti 2, Dynamo Bucharest 0; Steaua Bucharest 1, Universitatea Craiova 0; Corvinul Hunedoara 3, FC Bihor Oradea 2; Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 0, FCM Braila 0; FC Arges Pitesti 2, Gloria Bistrita 0; Jiul Petrosani 3, Universitatea Cluj 0; Inter Sibiu 2, FCM Brasov 0. Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Steaua Bucharest, 25pts; 2, Universitatea Craiova, 24; 3, Dynamo Bucharest, 24.

**SPANISH:** Sporting Gijon 1, Osasuna 1; Atlético Madrid 2, Athletic Bilbao 0; Barcelona 1, Tenerife 0; Seville 3, Real Betis 2; Real Mallorca 0, Valencia 1; Real Zaragoza 1, Español 1; Cádiz 1, Real Madrid 0; Real Sociedad 3, Real Oviedo 1; Logroñés 0, Burgos 0; Castellon 4, Real Valladolid 2. Leading positions (after 24 matches): 1, Barcelona, 40pts; 2, Atlético Madrid, 35; 3, Osasuna, 31.

**SWISS:** Final places: Grasshopper Zürich 2, Lugano 0; Lucerne 2, Sion 0; Neuchâtel Xamax 2, BSC Young Boys 1; Servette 1, Lausanne 1. Leading positions (after one match — aggregate pts include halved pts from qualifying phase): 1, Grasshopper Zürich, 16pts; 2, Neuchâtel Xamax, 15; 3, Sion, 16.

**YUGOSLAV:** Red Star Belgrade 1, Proleter Zrenjanin 2; Vojvodina Novi Sad 2, Rad Belgrade 1; Zemun 2, Partizan Belgrade 2 (Zemun won 5-4 pens); Sloboda Tuzla 1, Radnicki Nis 0; Spartak Subotica 1, Zeljeznicar 2; Sarajevo 1, Budutnost Titograd 0; Celik 2, Velez Mostar 0; Dynamo Zagreb 3, Buducnost Valjevo 1; Hajduk Split 2, Olimpija Ljubljana 0. Leading positions (after 21 matches): 1, Red Star Belgrade, 32pts; 2, Partizan Belgrade, 25, 3, Dynamo Zagreb, 25.

## BASKETBALL

# Bucknall repays faith of coach

By NICHOLAS HARLING

WITHIN the next six weeks, Sunderland Saints should know whether Steve Bucknall has assimilated all their advice or if his performance at the weekend in the Coca-Cola Cup final was just a flash in the pan.

It was hard enough for Sunderland to deprive Kingston of one of their five trophies from last season; it will be harder still for Dave Elderkin, their coach, to persuade them that they can repeat the feat at the national championship play-offs — assuming, of course, that both clubs reach the competition's conclusion at the NEC, Birmingham, on April 12 and 13.

Whether Sunderland can do so depends to a large extent on their 6ft 5in England international, whose contribution to the 88-81 cup final success against Leicester Riders was a revelation, coming a little over a week after his dismissal by the club.

It was Sunderland's good fortune that Elderkin listened to Bucknall's plea for a last chance. The player had arrived in October, believing he had nothing left to learn after his brief experience with Los Angeles Lakers in the National Basketball Association.

Like some other Sunderland players, Bucknall's own statistics seemed to be the only thing that mattered, but on Sunday all that changed when he finished up with the most valuable player of the match award.

Either Scott Paterson or Russ Saunders had a claim to the honour, as did two Leicester players, Dip Donaldson and the game's top scorer, Gene Waldron, but it went to Bucknall, whose 12 points and eight rebounds told only half the story.

There was also a stream of accurate passes and some mighty rejections, two of which came at a crucial stage when Leicester were getting on top.

"It is good that the people who choose these things realise there is more to basketball than scoring baskets," Elderkin said. "Steve showed a lot of leadership out there with Saunders. The evidence of the weekend is that he has learned his lesson."

## YACHTING

# Gautier cruises closer to solo stage victory

AS JOSH Hall — still with Cape Horn to round, and now last in his class — nursed a broken boom yesterday, after fierce weather had all but rolled over his yacht, New Spirit of Ipswich, at the weekend, Alain Gautier, the race leader, was within 200 miles of Punta del Este and the finish of the third leg of the BOC single-handed round the world race (Malcolm McKeag writes).

The slavish reliance of the race organisers on the Argos satellite position reporting system was highlighted when Christophe Auguin disappeared from the results because his Argos had ceased to blink. However, his noon radio report put his position between Gautier and David Adams.

**LEADING POSITIONS** (at 09.50 yesterday, with miles to go to Punta del Este): Class I: 1, General Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 221; Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), position not computed; 2, Innisfree (D Adams, Aus), 586; 3, Duracell (M Plant, US), 681; 4, Grimalkin (B Reed, SA), 1,008; 5, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus), 1,039; 6, Credit Agricole (P Jeanjot, Fr), 1,040; 7, BSV Expo (J Ugarte, Sp), 1,059; 8, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 1,059; 9, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 1,089. Class II: 1, Servant IV (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 1,066; 2, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 1,509; 3, Bureau Cup (D McIntyre, Aus), 1,553; 4, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 1,877. Corinthian Class: 1, Volcano (P Thackeberry, US), 1,948; 2, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 2,248; 3, Shuswindchill II (M Saito, Japan), 2,569; 4, Sabago (H Rost, US), 3,728.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

# Bishop accepts plaudits

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE landlord of the Bulls Head in St Helens was complaining yesterday that he cannot get on with his job for the incessant ringing of the telephone.

Alan Bishop, the coach of Runcorn Highfield, is being smothered in congratulations following Sunday's 9-2 win over Dewsbury, Highfield's first victory since they beat Fulham in October 1988, 77 matches ago.

Runcorn, who in former existences have been Huyton, Liverpool City, Liverpool Stanley and Wigan Highfield, now play at Hoghton Road, home of St Helens Town football club, after moving from Canal Street in Runcorn last year.

There were 500 people at the ground on Sunday, the average attendance, but significantly, Bishop said: "You couldn't get a bet on as anywhere in St Helens. Everybody knew we were going to win after drawing with Carlisle and running Trafford Borough close."

However, Bishop is determined that his team will not be "one-win wonders". On Sunday, Runcorn go to Nottingham City, who are now bottom of the second division with, like Highfield, just one win, over Bramley. "They'll make it hard for us," Bishop says. "They have their pride to consider, too."

Enthusiasm has returned to the squad, and instead of 15 or 16 players turning up for mid-week training, there are now twice as many players jostling for places in the team.

"There is competition for places now, and instead of the dreary acceptance of defeat, we now believe we can go undefeated to the end of the season."

● Stoke could become the 37th side in the Rugby Football League. A business consortium has approached league officials and are preparing a written application to be placed before the board of directors.

● The Stones Bitter teams of the month for February are Widnes in the first division and Barley in the second.

## ATHLETICS

# Britain's leading lights to receive financial support

By JOHN GOODBODY

BRITAIN'S leading athletes, preparing for the 1991 world championships and 1992 Olympic Games, are to get £400,000 in a deal agreed by the Sports Council and the athletics authorities. Both the board and the council, the government-funded quango, will be spending about £200,000 each on the project, supervised by Frank Dick, the director of coaching.

All of Britain's highly successful athletics team, whose men won the 1989 European Cup for the first time in history and last year took eight gold medals at the European championships, are included in the scheme.

Dick, whose meticulous preparation for major events has been a significant factor in the series of triumphs of British athletics in recent years, has divided the needs of the competitors into three areas: lifestyle management; performance management; and medical management.

Among the things for which money will be given will be: warm weather and altitude training; an annual full medical; purchase of specialist training equipment; travel expenses for coaching and for attending time management courses. Money has even been given to Stewart Faulkner, the long jumper for driving lessons, so that he can visit his coach more easily and more cheaply than by public transport.

Dick said yesterday that the sponsorship and financial position of the 108 competitors (65 men and 43 women) would be taken into account when grants were made. "However, it would be wrong not to associate the scheme with the most successful athletes like John Regis and Linford Christie."

One particular worry is the number of outstanding competitors who either break down with injury or illness before or at major events. In Britain this is about 25 per cent but Dick pointed out that the East Germans had reckoned on 20 per cent even when they had the advantage of considerable state support and close medical scrutiny of competitors.

Dick's concern is to try to reduce the 25 per cent with the help of a network of doctors and physiotherapists, led by Dr Malcolm Brown and Dr Ken Kingsbury.

## VOLLEYBALL

# East Europeans to help Britons

By RODDY MACKENZIE

RALPH Hippolyte, coach to the Great Britain men's team, has taken steps to attract Eastern European opposition to Britain next month as preparation for the forthcoming European championships qualifying groups involving England and Scotland.

AZS Czestochowa, the Polish club champions, have agreed in principle to come over and an approach has also been made to Riga, one of the Soviet Union's top clubs. The idea is for both clubs to train and play with the England and Scotland national sides and a formal quadrangular tournament would take place in north England after the British championships.

England and Scotland both face Eastern European nations in their European championship qualifying groups. Scotland meet the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia and England face Poland and Yugoslavia.

In the Royal Bank of Scotland English League at the weekend, Mizuno Britannia moved to within two sets of regaining the women's first division title after beating Woolwich Brixton Knights, the reigning champions, 16-14, 15-10, 13-15, 15-6.

After beating Knights twice this season, Britannia look a good bet for the league and cup double. Knights have hit injury trouble with Lyn Tennant already out of the cup final because of a shoulder injury and Sandy Lystor, their captain, is recovering from damage to her ankle ligaments in Sunday's match.

Hilton Leeds reached the last four of the Royal Bank of Scotland English Men's Cup by beating Speedwell Runcorn 15-11, 15-6, 15-9 and will meet Reebok Liverpool City in the semi-finals at the weekend. The other semi-final will be between Polonia and Team Mizuno Mallory, the champions, who took five sets to defeat Speedwell in the league, 15-11, 15-12, 13-15, 2-15, 15-12.

## BOWLS

# Price given hard game

MARY Price, the only past champion in the field, was given a hard march by Margaret Dyer before winning 21-15 in the opening round of the Pedigree Films English women's singles at Lawson Park, Bedford yesterday (Gordon Allan writes).

Dyer kept pace with Price for most of the game, but lost her length a little towards the finish. Price scoring one shot on each of the last five ends. Eileen Vigor won her singles 21-16 against Jan Jones. Sharon Rickman required all her experience to edge past Beryl Vincent, 21-20.

**RESULTS:** Fours: First round: Boston 20, Cambridge Chesterton 12; Croydon 22, Essex County 12. Rugby Thornfield 20, Hull 19, Preston, Brighton 18, County Arts, Norwich 16, Desborough, Maidenhead 23, West Cornwall 6, Yeovil 20, Dolphin, Poole 13; Thornaby 18, Tye Green 17, Egham 25, Mote Park, Maidstone 13. Singles: First round: E Vigor (Croydon) bt J Jones (Atherley Southampton), 21-16, M Coles (Sole Bay) bt J Bowles (Preston, Brighton), 21-10, J Coulson (York) bt R Ludersmith (Towerlands, Braintree), 21-10, G Haney (Spalding) bt M Bousfield (Darlington), 21-14; M Price (Desborough, Maidenhead) bt M Dyer (Clevedon), 21-18.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETICS

**LOS ANGELES:** Los Angeles marathon: Men: 1, M Radiya (SA), 2hr 10min 28sec; 2, D Boltz (Swiss), 2:11:16; 3, E Hallabrueck (Bel), 2:14:14. Women: 1, C O'Brien (US), 2:29:26; 2, M Herlock (Fr), 2:32:42; 3, O Mericova (USSR), 2:33:27. British and Irish placings: 11, T Welsh (GB), 2:40:20; 28, M Murphy (Ire), 2:55:45.

**MAF CHALLENGE:** Leading positions: Men: 1, A Abebe (Eth), 59pts; 2 O Endoro (Ken), 82; 3, R Chelimo (Ken), 73; 4, J Nutsil (GB), 70. Women: 1, S Sirma (Ken), 97pts; 2, J Ngotho Wanjiku (Ken), 91; 3, C McKiernan (Eire), 80; 4, A Wallace (GB), 77.

### BADMINTON

**COVENTRY:** English Under-19 championships: Boys' singles: S Archer (Worcs) bt A Bennett (Surrey), 15-5, 15-12. Girls' singles: A Humby (Hants) bt J Davies (Lincs), 11-7, 11-5. Boys' doubles: J Anderson and I Pearson (Essex) bt Archer and S Kaye (Essex), 15-9, 4-15, 15-11. Girls' doubles: A Humby and J Wright (Sussex) bt N Groves and K McBarlow (Worcs), 15-5, 15-3. Mixed doubles: Archer and Davies bt N Irving and N Beck (Bucks), 15-8, 15-10.

### CRICKET

**TOUR MATCH:** Windhoek (50 overs): MCC 288-6 (Reeve 59). Colts XI 177-9.

### CYCLING

**ROAD RACES:** Rockingham Forest Wheelers (Corby, 60 miles): 1, T Gilkes (Wrekin RC), 2hr 25min 1; 2, P Barnett (Rhosgoch RT), same time; 3, S Farrell (Tunstall Whs), same time.

**TOUR OF ETNA** (198.7km): 1, M Cipollini (It), 4hr 58min 5sec; 2, G Citterio (It), 3, A Butti (It); 4, M Stratzer (It); 5, F Monosseih (Fr); 6, N Dalsberg (NZ), all same time.

### ETON FIVES

**UNIVERSITY MATCH:** Cambridge 3, Oxford 0 (Cambridge names first). Male and De Soyza (Ginsz bt West and Khanbhai, 12-2, 12-2. Tyrrell and Chatterton bt Dunn and Barron, 12-7, 12-5, 12-3; Lascelles and Stephens bt Smith and Pritchard, 12-3, 10-13, 12-8, 14-12.

### FENCING

**LONDON:** Martini épée challenge competition: 1, U Sandegren (Swed); 2, S Cuomo (It); 3, A Mazzoni (It); 4, A Schmitt (Ger). British placings: 27, M Corlett.

### GOLF

**OJAI, California:** Sanders tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 122: C Rodriguez, 66-66. 123: G Player, 66-57; B Crampton, 65-68. 136: H Hemlip, 70-66; D Masgrete, 66-68; T Dill, 68, 67; W Zambrski, 66, 69; D Hendrickson, 66, 69. 139: R McBee, 70, 69.

### BASKETBALL

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA):** Portland Trail Blazers 116, Boston Celtics 107; Utah Jazz 95, Philadelphia 76ers 92; San Antonio Spurs 107, Washington Bullets 85; Atlanta Hawks 116, Milwaukee Bucks 103; Houston Rockets 104, Los Angeles Lakers 99; Detroit Pistons 107, Los Angeles Clippers 98.

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| Atlantic division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston Celtics | 42 | 16 | .724 | – |
| Philadelphia 76ers | 37 | 21 | .638 | 5½ |
| New York Knicks | 27 | 31 | .466 | 15½ |
| Washington Bullets | 22 | 36 | .379 | 20 |
| New Jersey Nets | 19 | 38 | .333 | 22½ |
| Miami Heat | 18 | 39 | .316 | 23½ |
| **Central division** | | | | |
| Chicago Bulls | 41 | 16 | .720 | – |
| Detroit Pistons | 38 | 22 | .633 | 5 |
| Milwaukee Bucks | 36 | 23 | .610 | 6½ |
| Atlanta Hawks | 33 | 25 | .569 | 9 |
| Indiana Pacers | 27 | 31 | .474 | 14½ |
| Cleveland Cavaliers | 20 | 37 | .351 | 21½ |
| Charlotte Hornets | 17 | 40 | .298 | 24½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

| Midwest division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah Jazz | 38 | 18 | .679 | – |
| San Antonio Spurs | 33 | 23 | .589 | 5½ |
| Houston Rockets | 33 | 24 | .579 | 6½ |
| Dallas Mavericks | 21 | 36 | .375 | 17 |
| Orlando Magic | 19 | 38 | .333 | 19½ |
| Minnesota Timberwolves | 18 | 38 | .321 | 20 |
| Denver Nuggets | 16 | 40 | .286 | 22 |
| **Pacific division** | | | | |
| Portland Trail Blazers | 45 | 14 | .769 | – |
| Los Angeles Lakers | 42 | 16 | .724 | 2½ |
| Phoenix Suns | 37 | 19 | .661 | 6½ |
| Golden State Warriors | 30 | 28 | .517 | 14 |
| Seattle SuperSonics | 28 | 28 | .500 | 15½ |
| Los Angeles Clippers | 26 | 37 | .351 | 24 |
| Sacramento Kings | 15 | 41 | .268 | 28½ |

### FOOTBALL

**KINGSTON, Jamaica:** Caribbean zone: Second round qualifying group: Jamaica 1, Trinidad and Tobago 0 (agg: 1-1 — deciding game to be played in a neutral venue).

**OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION:** Milnsbridge 6, Southampton 3.

**ARTHUR DUNN CUP:** Semi-finals: Old Carthusians 2, Old Brentwoods 1; Old Reptonians 2, Lancing Old O. (Final at Motspur Park, April 6)

**SCHOOLS MATCHES:** Under-15 International: Scotland 2, Northern Ireland 0; Wales 1, Republic of Ireland 4. English Trophy: Quarter-final: Barnsley 3, Islington 1. Ashton County Championship: Middlesex 5, Buckinghamshire 0; Northumberland 1, Cleveland 2.

### MOTOR RALLYING

**STAGES RALLIES:** Schaers Pembrokeshire National Stages (Mid Wales): 1, R Hofield-Peterson (Ford Escort RS) 60m, 34s; 2, J Ashton (Escort), 63.06; 3, R Bradbury (Escort), 63.35. Kittle Brothers Stages (Northern Ireland): 1, G Robinson (Toyota Starlet), 24.12; 2, D McSarthy (Stern Concorde), 24.24; 3, M Hall (Sunbeam), 24.55. Northern Lights Rally (Yorkshire): 1, S Kemp (Peugeot 309), 5.16; 2, R Jarvis (Vauxhall Cavalier), 5.51; 3, D Pusey (Opel Kadett), 11.17. White Heather Stages (Cumbria): 1, D Robson (Vauxhall Chevette), 26.41; 2, J Brodie (Opel Manta), 26.54; 3, M Elsden (Escort), 26.58.

### ORIENTEERING

**CAMBERLEY:** National Event: Men, 15.1km: 1, D Troman (Polaries), 81min 23sec; 2, M Chapman (London), 83.07; 3, P Hague (Southampton University), 84.58. Women, 9km: 1, H Munro (Cambridge University), 64.07; 2, J James (Cambridge University), 64.10; 3, J Robson (Southampton), 69.31.

### TENNIS

**CHICAGO:** Men's tournament: Final: J McEnroe bt P McEnroe, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

**ATP:** Rankings: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,887; 2, B Becker (Ger), 3,522; 3, I Lendl (Cz), 2,557; 4, A Agassi (US), 2,278; 5, G Forget (Fr), 1,730; 6, P Sampras (US), 1,587; 7, G Ivanisevic (Yugo), 1,552; 8, E Sanchez (Sp), 1,495; 9, T Muster (Austria), 1,441; 10, A Gomez (Ec), 1,403. Money winners: 1, Lendl, $420,524; 2, Becker, $230,444; 3, Edberg, $219,222; 4, Forget, $161,331; 5, M Stich (Ger), $157,680; 6, P McEnroe (US), $142,666; 7, C Casquerone (It), $133,365; 8, C Caratti (It), $110,995; 9, Svensson, $104,129; 10, A Volkov (USSR), $96,286.

**PALM SPRINGS, California:** Virginia Slims event: Semi-finals: M Seles (Yug) bt P Fy (US), 7-5, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt J Hasard (Fr), 6-2, 7-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 7-6, 7-6; H Kelesi (Can) bt P Louis Harper (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Semi-finals: M Seles (Yug) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-0, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt N Tauziat (France), 6-3, 7-5.

**VAUXHALL MEN'S INDOOR TROPHY:** Upper Armley Leeds 2, Bennett Castle School 1; Ilkley 0, Hallamshire Sheffield 2; Malton Mowbray 2, Edgbaston Priory 1; Puma Welwyn 2, Clearview Branchwood 1; David Lloyd Stevenage Heaton 2, Islington 0; Chris Lane Woking 2, Crawley 0; Preston and Avenue Hove 0, Record Centre Maidenhead 2; Ramsey Cambridge 2, BBC 0; Roehampton 1, David Lloyd Finchley 2; Mansfield Basingstoke 1, Weston's Associate Aces 2; Pack a Punchers Kingsley 0, West Hants Bournemouth 2.

### ICE HOCKEY

**NATIONAL LEAGUE (BHL):** Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Hartford Whalers 4 (OT); Boston Bruins 3, New Jersey Devils 1; Chicago Black Hawks 6, Vancouver Canucks 0.

**WALES CONFERENCE**

| Patrick division | W | L | D | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York Rangers | 38 | 22 | 12 | 78 |
| Philadelphia Flyers | 31 | 27 | 9 | 71 |
| Pittsburgh Penguins | 32 | 30 | 4 | 68 |
| New Jersey Devils | 26 | 32 | 11 | 63 |
| Washington Capitals | 28 | 32 | 5 | 61 |
| New York Islanders | 21 | 37 | 9 | 51 |
| **Adams division** | | | | |
| *Boston Bruins | 38 | 21 | 9 | 84 |
| *Montreal Canadiens | 34 | 25 | 9 | 76 |
| *Buffalo Sabres | 35 | 25 | 10 | 80 |
| *Hartford Whalers | 33 | 25 | 12 | 78 |
| Quebec Nordiques | 12 | 42 | 6 | 30 |

**CAMPBELL CONFERENCE**

| Norris division | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *St Louis Blues | 38 | 18 | 9 | 87 |
| *Chicago Black Hawks | 40 | 21 | 6 | 86 |
| Detroit Red Wings | 28 | 32 | 6 | 64 |
| Minnesota North Stars | 21 | 33 | 13 | 55 |
| Toronto Maple Leafs | 18 | 41 | 9 | 44 |
| **Smythe division** | | | | |
| *Los Angeles Kings | 39 | 20 | 7 | 85 |
| *Calgary Flames | 33 | 22 | 11 | 77 |
| Edmonton Oilers | 30 | 31 | 5 | 65 |
| Winnipeg Jets | 23 | 36 | 11 | 57 |
| Vancouver Canucks | 24 | 38 | 7 | 55 |

* clinched play-off place

### RUGBY UNION

**CLUB MATCH:** Cambridge University 35, Bradford and Bingley 22.

**SCHOOLS MATCH:** Ethan 23, Dartford GS 6.

**NORTH OF ENGLAND INVITATION SEVENS:** Quarter-finals: Birkenhead 9, Trent 12; Newcastle 12, Merchant Taylors 16, Lancaster RGS 8, Barnard Castle 12; Wirral 10, Durstone 14, Sedbergh Trent 12, Newcastle 4, Barnard Castle 10, Durstone 0. Final: Trent 16, Barnard Castle 12.

### WINDSURFING

**ALMANARRE, France:** Professional world cup: Men: 1, Björn Dunkerbeck (Sp), 6.7pts; 2, Bruno Belloni (Fr), 4, N Baker, 62.0. Women: 1, Brit Dunkerbeck (Sp), 1.4. Best British: 18, C Seager, 35.

### HOCKEY

**SCHOOLS MATCHES:** Trinity, Croydon 1, Epsom 1; Seaford 2, Hurspierpoint 0; King Edward's, Bath 0, Bryanston 3; Tonbridge 2, Eton 4; Christ's Hospital 1, Felsted 1; Kings Rochester 2, Cranbrook 2; Blocham 0, Magdalen Coll Sch, Oxford 4; Charterhouse 1, Wellington 5; King's, Canterbury 2, Kent College 3; Sherborne 2, Taunton 2.

### STUDENT SPORT

**SAPPORO:** World Student Winter Games: Ice skating: Ice dance (after compulsory dance): 1, I Malishenko and G Kaslov (USSR), 0.4. Pairs (best 1, M Elsova and A Bushkov (USSR), 1.5. Women's (after original programme): 1, T Kirielkowski (USA), 0.5; 2, T Rassko (USSR), 1.0; 3, L Nedzynski (US), 1.5. Men (after original programme): 1, M Check (US), 0.5; 2, Joe Inoue Pool Ai United States of South Korea, 12-2; Soviet Union bt North Korea, 18-0, North Korea bt USA, 5-4, USSR bt South Korea, 23-0. Pool B: Canada bt Japan, 10-1, Finland bt Japan, 6-1 Sliding: Women's downhill: 1, K Stoni (Can), 1min 15.16sec; 2, T McBean (US), 1:15.58; 3, T Grant (GB), 1:15.96. Men's downhill: 1, T Schaschl (Austria), 1 19 48; 2, C Brandscheider (Austria), 1:20.08, 3, B Philipp (US), 1:20.58. British placings: 48, K Blyth, 1:24.21, 41 G Gunn, 1:24.32. 47, S Simpson, 1:27.92. Speed skating: Women's 1,500m: 1, N Polozkova (USSR), 2min 12.21sec; 2, M Uehara (Japan), 2:13.21; 3, C Zijlaars (Neth), 2:13.88. Men's 1,500m: 1, M Hadschieff (Austria), 2:00.57; 2, Zakarias (Austria), 2:01.01; 3, T Aoyanagi (Japan), 2:01.06. Cross country: Women's combined after 10km free: 1, M Ota (Japan), 58:36.1 (30:47, 27:49.1); 2, I Teramenko (USSR), 58:57.5 (31:19, 27:41.5); 3, E Dienert (It), 59:04.3 (31:00, 28:04.3). Men's 15km classic race: 1, H Watanabe (Japan), 41:54.9; 2, I Ossilov (USSR), 41:58.5; 3, Hamilov (USSR), 42:05.1. Nordic combined: Normal hill jump (90m): 1, I Gartbuhl (USSR), 207.9 pts (84, 87m); 2, F Wiegele (Austria), 205.9 (85, 86); 3, T Kono (Japan), 191.0 (77, 83.5).

### RACKETS

**CHICAGO:** World championship: First leg: J Male (GB) bt B Hazell (GB), 17-14, 16-17, 18-16, 15-9, 15-10.

## Valleys of talent

Natasha Williams, aged 14, of Prestatyn, has been selected for Wales' team for the Commonwealth table tennis championships in Nairobi, Kenya from April 14 to 21 and for the world championships in Japan from April 24 to May 6. The world championship team will be the same as for the Commonwealths with the exception of the women's champion, Justine Thomas, aged 18, who is unavailable because of examinations.

**TEAM** (for the Commonwealth championships): S Ward (Newport), M Simon (Llanelli), A Heaton (Cardiff), D Buck (Pontnewydd, Gwent), N Williams (Prestatyn), J Thomas (Hawarden), L Collet (Cardiff).

## Salford's loss

Salford, the unbeaten rugby league second division leaders, lost a record £141,000 when they were relegated last season. The deficit, which is largely due to £100,000 spent on ground safety and stadium improvements, takes Salford's liabilities to £370,000 after a loss of only £17,000 the previous season.

## IN BRIEF

# Chen in squad

CHEN Xinhua, who helped China win the world table tennis championship in Delhi in 1987, has been selected as part of a four-man England team to compete in the championships in Japan in April.

Chen is joined by the English No. 1, Carl Prean, Matthew Syed and Alan Cooke, the Commonwealth champion, in the team. Lisa Lomas leads the women's squad.

**STUDENT SPORT:** Ingrid Grant, of Britain, won a bronze medal in the women's downhill skiing at the World student winter games in

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# Clubs could face record £7.5m bill for policing

By JOHN GOODBODY

BRITISH football clubs are facing a record bill of £7.5million for policing matches this season. Figures released yesterday by the Football Trust predict an increase of 16 per cent in fees for 1990-1 over last season, when police costs were £6.82m.

The news will depress many small clubs which are afraid that meeting the bills will drive them closer to bankruptcy. Only a cheque of £6,300 paid by the Trust a month ago helped Cardiff City to continue playing fourth division games after the South Wales Police had threatened to withdraw cover from Cardiff's home matches because of unpaid bills in excess of £20,000. The Trust has paid out almost £2m for the first quarter of this season.

The Trust had set aside £2.5 million of its money from the spot the ball competition, run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters the pools companies, for funding police bills this season. However, this still leaves the game needing to find the remaining £5 million. Peter Lee, the Trust secretary, said yesterday that the Trust would be reviewing its policy at a meeting on March 27. He said that there was pressure from the Treasury for the Trust to spend its money primarily not on revenue charges but on capital works, like the rebuilding of grounds.

This had been explicit in the case of the £100 million available to the game after the Budget last year when John Major, then Chancellor of the Exchequer cut by two per cent the tax on football pools, releasing revenue for ground improvements to meet the recommendations of the report on the Hillsborough disaster by Lord Justice Taylor.

However, the pressure from the Treasury was also implicit in the money available from the spotting the ball competition. At the moment the aid is available to clubs in the Football League, Scottish Football League at a rate of 50 per cent for the initial £50,000 charged with 40 per cent paid on subsequent charges between £50,000 to £75,000 and falling to 30 per cent on £75,000 to £100,000.

Lee said: "The police bills are now an enormous amount of money but it is not an easy door to close. The way forward should be for more effective stewarding. This would decrease the number of police needed inside the ground although not, of course, to cut them out because police are needed to make arrests and to ensure public order is maintained. In an ideal world there would be inside stadiums a small number of police and a large number of qualified stewards."

However, there has yet to be any coherent attempt to train young and efficient stewards to replace the police and, in the meantime, some major matches have up to 800 police on duty in or around grounds.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, whose clubs has been given a bill for £63,359 for the first quarter of the season, said yesterday: "The answer is that the government should cover the cost from the central budget. It seems counter-productive that the Chancellor gives the clubs £20m a year to help implement the Lord Justice Taylor report and then takes back this £7.5m.

"It will not make any difference to the local poll tax payers either way. These police charges do not go back to the local authorities, they go to the Home Office and it is wrong.

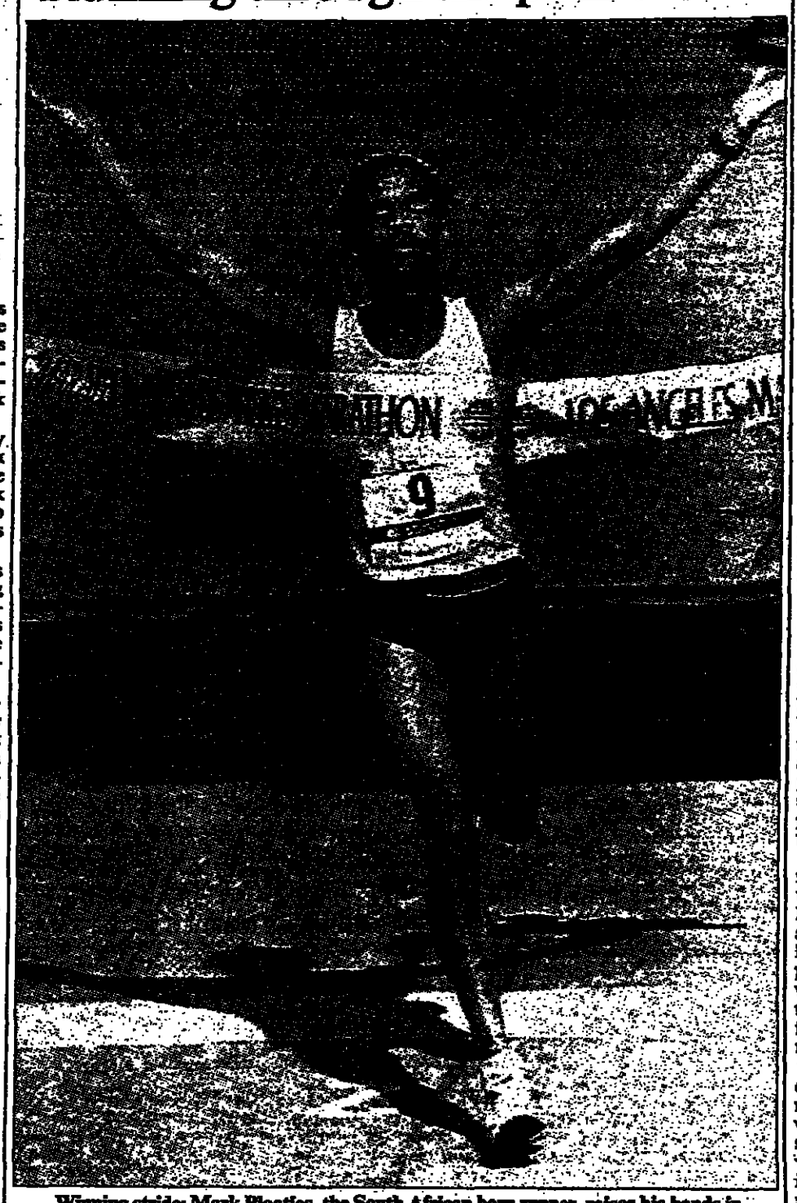
"It is a con job. Who pays for the policing of the Notting Hill carnival or demonstrations at Trafalgar Square? It is the government, not the organisers. Why should football be different?"

The government would answer that the £5m that the clubs pay is in fact only about one-seventh of the total bill for policing the game estimated at £35m. Clubs and the Trust only pay for officers inside the ground.

Local and central government meets the bill for officers on the streets, in the city centres and on the transport system where any hooliganism, diminishing this season, is still a threat. Nor do the clubs pay for the expensive pre-match preparation by the police or the National Football Intelligence Unit which coordinates all the work against hooliganism and is funded directly by the Home Office.

The government would also point out that the Notting Hill carnival and Trafalgar Square demonstrations do not occur several days a week for at least 35 weeks a year.

## Running through the pain barrier



Winning stride: Mark Plaatjes, the South African born runner, raises his hands in triumph as he crosses the line in the Los Angeles marathon on Sunday. His time of 2hr 10min 29sec was the second fastest in the six-year history of the race.

# Australia face tough test of character

From ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, KINGSTON

AUSTRALIA'S strident challenge to one of sport's most protracted supremacies hung nervously in the balance here yesterday. Like the bell to a boxer on the ropes, the rest day in this riveting first Test match had come just in time to save them terminal unishment.

As the two teams prowled around their shared hotel here, the jauntiness was back in the stride and the smile of Vivian Richards, while the expressive features of Allan Border betrayed the anxiety of a captain fearing the consequences of two hours' sloppy cricket and two poor umpiring decisions.

Australia sacrificed an enviable position on Sunday in the time it took them to lose their last five first-innings wickets for 14 runs before bowling so carelessly that West Indies eliminated a 107-run deficit inside 29 overs. In a match likely to dictate psychological terms for the series, this was a lapse of potentially disastrous proportions.

But if Border rightly bemoaned a lower-order demise uncomfortably reminiscent of England's Ashes collapses, and a rare loss of control by his new-ball bowlers, Richards preferred to focus on the men who had taken ruthless advantage and restored his side as favourites, if only marginally, to win this tempestuous game.

Patrick Patterson's disposal of the Australian tail made a neutral spectator squirm. It was the classic demolition job, softening resolve with some violent short balls and cleaning up by inserting the straight, full-length delivery.

He finished with five for 83 but his figures might have been better, for he had both Marsh and Waugh dropped, when each had made 11, and bowled throughout at a speed no other bowler in the game has approached with the occasional exception of Ambrose. He must have booked himself a trip to England this summer.

Once Patterson's work was done, the opening batsmen took over, and in startling style. Greenidge and Haynes are like a trusted firm of solicitors. Not a series passes without some young thrusters being pushed forward to take their business. But when they bat as they did on Sunday, you know that they remain, at 39 and 35 respectively, the most authoritative opening pair in the world.

Greenidge had made an apparently remarkable recovery from a shoulder injury which prevented him from fielding at all; the Australians suspect an abuse of the laws and may yet protest. Haynes was only batting thanks to sustained laser treatment on the foot which was crushed by a McDermott yorker on the opening day.

He was hit again in the same spot on Sunday but by then he was in no mood to stop. His sprint to 84 was only curbed, and then cut short, by a massively impressive second spell of 13 overs from the powerful and still improving McDermott.

It was McDermott who caused West Indies their anguish on the first day, not only by taking five wickets but injuring three senior batsmen. He received an official warning for intimidation but this was bowling which informed the West Indies of a considerable opponent.

On succeeding days there has been no let-up in the number of batsmen hit and hurt but, although the short ball has been liberally employed, by both teams, the pitch may have more to do with it.

This is a surface where the occasional ball either lifts or squats unpleasantly. It is likely to deteriorate further on the last two days, which will give Australia further cause to rue the decisions which went against them on Sunday.

Matthews was given out, caught behind, to a ball from Patterson he appeared to miss. This directly sparked the late-order slide. Then, just before the close when one more wicket could have significantly altered the game's complexion, Richardson survived a concerted claim for a wicketkeeping catch. The Australians are in no doubt that the umpire, David Archer, an official they respect, was wrong in both instances.

Archer and his partner, Steve Bucknor, may have their tolerance of short-pitched bowling further tested in the two remaining days. They may also be obliged to take some action on an overrate which declined to farcical levels on Sunday when the West Indies managed nine in an hour before lunch.

Today's pre-lunch period could decide the game. Richards awaits his turn to bat and it will be an innings which can either carry the contest out of Australian reach, or bring them hungrily back into contention for a match which has so far lived up to all expectations.

Gus Logie will bat, despite the death of his mother, who collapsed on hearing of his facial injury on Friday. He will fly home to Trinidad for the funeral tomorrow.

WEST INDIES: First innings 284 (A L Logie 77 not out, P J L Dujon 56; C J McDermott 5 for 80, M G Hughes 4 for 67).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| C G Greenidge c Healy b McDermott | 35 |
| D L Haynes c Healy b McDermott | 84 |
| R B Richardson not out | 33 |
| C L Hooper not out | 11 |
| Extras (b 14, lb 5, w 1, nb 4) | 24 |
| Total (2 wkts) | 187 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-118, 2-134.

BOWLING: McDermott 19-7-32-2; Whitney 12-2-37-0; Hughes 11-1-40-0; Matthews 8-0-32-0; Border 7-0-21-0; Waugh 5-1-8-0.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

| | |
|---|---|
| G R Marsh c Dujon b Ambrose | 69 |
| M A Taylor c Hooper b Patterson | 58 |
| D C Boon not out | 109 |
| *A R Border c Dujon b Ambrose | 31 |
| D M Jones c and b Hooper | 0 |
| M E Waugh lbw b Marshall | 39 |
| G R J Matthews c Dujon b Patterson | 10 |
| †I A Healy lbw b Walsh | 0 |
| C J McDermott b Patterson | 1 |
| M G Hughes c Hooper b Patterson | 0 |
| M R Whitney b Patterson | 2 |
| Extras (b 4, lb 23, nb 21, w 4) | 52 |
| Total | 371 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-139, 2-159, 3-227, 4-228, 5-328, 6-357, 7-358, 8-365, 9-365.

BOWLING: Ambrose 30-3-94-2 (nb 8); Patterson 24-1-83-5 (nb 6), Marshall 22-3-57-1 (nb 3, w 4); Walsh 29-4-73-1 (nb 4); Hooper 21-7-37-1.

# Liverpool must make a decision

GLENN Hysen, the Liverpool defender, has urged the football club to act quickly over the appointment of a successor to Kenny Dalglish, their former manager.

The Anfield board of directors, who failed to meet yesterday as had been planned, have to consider whether to promote Ronnie Moran, the present caretaker-manager at Anfield, or make possible moves for John Toshack or Joe Royle.

"It would obviously help to appoint the new boss as soon as possible," Hysen said.

# Stabbed Morley is out

WEST Ham United have been forced to make a change for tonight's second division match against Plymouth Argyle by the domestic incident that has put their leading scorer, Trevor Morley, in hospital. Morley, aged 28, was stabbed twice in the early hours of yesterday at an address in Waltham Abbey, Scotland Yard said.

A woman was arrested and was being questioned. Morley was admitted to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, where doctors described his condition as "comfortable".

The player, who was signed from Manchester City for £500,000 in December 1989, had been West Ham's only ever-present this season, scoring 16 goals. His place is expected to go to Jimmy Quinn, who missed Saturday's 0-0 draw at West Bromwich Albion because of influenza.

The incident comes at a crucial stage of the season for the second division leaders who will prepare for Monday's visit of Everton in the FA Cup quarter-finals after the Plymouth game.

Plymouth should have Kenny Brown back in his accustomed full-back berth. He has recovered from the ankle injury which kept him out of the 2-0 home win over Port Vale on Saturday. Brian McAllister, who played in that victory, has returned to Wimbledon after a three-month loan spell and will be replaced in midfield by Andy Clement.

Ryan Cross, a young reserve defender, who has already had a taste of first team action this season, is named in the squad.

Manchester City await a late fitness test on Mark Ward before facing Luton Town in tonight's only first division match, at Maine Road. Andy Hill, who is on trial from Bury, has been added to the City squad.

Paul Cook is battling to be fit for Wolverhampton Wanderers' game against Leicester City at Molineux. The midfield player strained his back during Saturday's goalless draw at Ipswich Town.

Losing his services would be another blow for Wolves who are almost certain to be without another midfield player, Keith Downing, who is also suffering from a back injury.

A knee injury sustained in Saturday's win over Manchester United forces the Everton captain, Kevin Ratcliffe, out of the Zenith Data Systems Cup northern area semi-final at Barnsley.

Mike Newell (knee) and Stuart McCall (thigh) face fitness tests and with the club's Dutch defender, Ray Atteveld, ruled out by suspension, a reserve defender, Eddie Youds, has been called up as cover.

# Fitzpatrick quits job at St Mirren

By RODDY FORSYTH

TONY Fitzpatrick yesterday resigned as football manager of St Mirren after the 4-3 defeat on Saturday by Hibernian at Easter Road, in a match in which the side from Paisley at one stage led 3-1.

St Mirren have won only four matches out of 26 this season and are bottom of the premier division on 15 points, two points behind Motherwell, who play their game in hand tonight against Aberdeen at Fir Park.

Fitzpatrick said: "I have kept my promise. I realised that I could do no more for them and so it is obvious that things would improve if I let someone else get on with the job."

Gordon Smith, the former Kilmarnock, Rangers and Brighton forward, who was Fitzpatrick's assistant, is the caretaker manager. Other candidates include David Hay and Alex MacDonald, formerly managers of Celtic and Heart of Midlothian.

● Aston Villa will have to hand more than £800,000 to the Inland Revenue unless they make a big signing before this month's transfer deadline. Villa made £2 million last season, which becomes taxable after the end of the financial year on May 31 when the Inland Revenue will recoup a 40 per cent cut of any surplus.

● Brian Talbot, aged 37, is trying to revive his playing career with Fulham, two months after being dismissed as manager of West Bromwich Albion.

● England will seek to extend their unbeaten run in non-League internationals to four matches when they play Italy at Kettering Town's Rockingham Road ground tonight. They will have to do without Andrew Clarke, who joined Wimbledon from Barnet ten days ago. His place in the England squad is taken by Delwyn Humphreys.

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# Top spot will fall to Seles

PALM SPRINGS, California (Reuter) — Monica Seles, of Yugoslavia, ensured she will end the reign of Steffi Graf as the world's No. 1 women's tennis player when she beat Helen Kelesi, of Canada, 6-0, 6-3 to reach the final of the Virginia Slims of Palm Springs tournament.

Delays caused by rain forced Seles to play two matches on Sunday, but by winning them both, she guaranteed that she would overtake Graf, of Germany, whose reign of 185 consecutive weeks is the longest on record in tennis.

For Seles, aged 17, the formal claiming of the No. 1 spot is now just a matter of time. She will achieve it if she defeats Martina Navratilova in the final of the Slims event and, even if she loses, Seles will take top spot on March 12 anyway, since Graf can not earn enough points this week at the Florida women's tournament to retain her title, even if she wins.

Seles said she wants to claim the leading ranking as quickly as she can. "I definitely think I deserve it," she said. "It would be a great feeling to do it by beating Martina. It's better than waiting for next week."

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# French make one change

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE French selectors must make at least one change to their side to play England on March 16 for rugby union's five nations' championship. Jean-François Gourrague, the Béziers lock, broke a bone in his hand during the 36-3 victory over Wales on Saturday and will be out for a month.

His likely replacement, when the XV is named in Toulouse tomorrow, will be either Michel Tachdjian, the Racing Club lock, who played against Scotland and Ireland, or Thierry Devergie (Nimes), who played in a powerful French A side which beat Italy 15-9 in Rome over the weekend.

It is a sobering thought that France could field four national sides over the same weekend — against Wales, Italy, Scotland B and Welsh Students — all of which won.

Daniel Dubroca, the French coach, believes Devergie to have the greater potential but might prefer Tachdjian's more aggressive approach. The same considerations are true of the No. 8 position, where Dubroca must balance the lineout leaping of Christophe Deslandes against the strength at ruck and maul of Marc Cecillon (Bourgoin).

Dubroca gave his side yesterday a 30 per cent chance against England at Twickenham: "Their [England's] game doesn't offer much opportunity to opponents but everything will depend upon whether we can get a fair share of possession," he said.

The French squad will not gather until next Wednesday, when they will train at their normal Château Ricard base, just outside Paris. They will train again the following day before flying to London.

England, meanwhile, will assemble an enlarged squad of 25, including Chris Oti and Steve Bates, the two Wasps backs, for training at Twickenham on Sunday when the match XV will be named. The team will come together again on the Wednesday evening and will stage their main preparation in private on March 14.

England squad, page 40

# McColgan puts cross country first

LIZ McColgan announced yesterday that she would not compete in the world indoor championships in Seville despite her quick return to form after childbirth (David Powell writes).

McColgan looked a Seville medal contender when she won the 3,000 metres at the Vauxhall indoor international between Britain and the United States in Glasgow, on Sunday but, since she felt that gold was beyond her, she has chosen to concentrate on a world championship in which it may not be.

"I am going to put all my eggs in one basket and go for the world cross-country," she said. "I have not got enough training behind me to be as sharp as I need to be. There is no point in going if I cannot win."

McColgan's rate of improvement since becoming a mother 14 weeks ago, culminating in a 3,000 metres time of 8min 57.82sec, will have been noted by Lynn Jennings, the American who defends her world cross-country title in Antwerp on March 24.

McColgan, aged 26, is working from a 10,000 metres training base designed to bring her to a peak for the outdoor world championships next summer; she will be better suited to 6,000 metres in Antwerp than half the distance in Seville.

After his 60 metres victory and his lead-off role in Britain's 4 x 200 metres world record on Sunday, Linford Christie will run both distances in Seville this weekend.

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# Docile pitch points way towards draw

AUCKLAND (Reuter) — New Zealand were shakily chasing a second-innings target of 383 at the close of the fourth day of the third and deciding Test against Sri Lanka here yesterday.

After dismissing the touring team for 319, New Zealand were 18 for no wicket in an anxious 11 overs before the close. John Wright scored 12 and Trevor Franklin five, despite being beaten frequently by the Sri Lankan fast bowlers. A further 90 overs will be available today but, with the pitch playing easily, a draw seems the most probable result.

Sri Lanka's second innings was built around a glorious 123 by Aravinda de Silva, who scored 96 in the first innings and 267 in the first innings of the first Test.

SRI LANKA: First innings 380 (P A de Silva 96, G F Labrooy 70 not out, A P Gurusinha 50; C L Cairns 4 for 136).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| C Senanayake c Greatbatch b Cairns | 8 |
| *C Hathurusinghe c Smith b Cairns | 74 |
| A P Gurusinha c and b Cairns | 29 |
| P A de Silva c Morrison b Thomson | 123 |
| *A Ranatunga c Thomson b Cairns | 39 |
| †H P Tillekeratne c Cairns b Thomson | 3 |
| S T Jayasuriya not out | 12 |
| G F Labrooy c Morrison b Cairns | 1 |
| E A R de Silva c Greatbatch b Thomson | 0 |
| R J Ratnayake c Greatbatch b Morrison | 20 |
| H C P Ramanayake b Morrison | 0 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb13) | 19 |
| Total | 319 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-58, 3-201, 4-278, 5-282, 6-282, 7-285, 8-288, 9-319.

BOWLING: Morrison 20-2-74-2 (nb 2); Cairns 27-6-75-5 (nb10); Watson 9-1-22-1 (nb1); Thomson 19-5-63-3; Patel 23-8-78-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 317 (J G Wright 84, M J Greatbatch 66).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| J G Wright not out | 12 |
| T J Franklin not out | 5 |
| Extras (nb 1) | 1 |
| Total (no wkt) | 18 |

A H Jones, M J Greatbatch, K R Rutherford, S A Thomson, D N Patel, *†I D S Smith, C L Cairns, D K Morrison and W Watson to bat.

BOWLING: Ratnayake 6-3-8-0; Ramanayake 5-1-12-0 (nb1).

# Storm wrecks match

AS FEARED, the torrential thunderstorm overnight left the P. Saravanamuttu Oval in Colombo flooded yesterday and the fourth day's play in the third unofficial Test match was abandoned an hour before the scheduled start (Richard Streeton writes). By lunchtime, the surface water had gone but the square was a quagmire.

Provided it did not rain again overnight, it was hoped that the final day of the match could take place today. An anti-climatic end to the series was inevitable. Bob Bennett the England tour manager made an official enquiry whether an extra day could be played on Thursday but the Sri Lankans said this was not practical.

England A's only remaining fixture is the fifth one-day international under floodlights at the Khettarama stadium on Friday.

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